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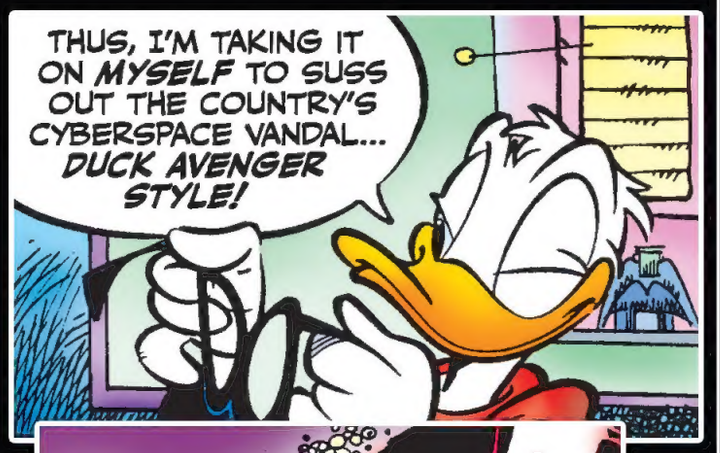

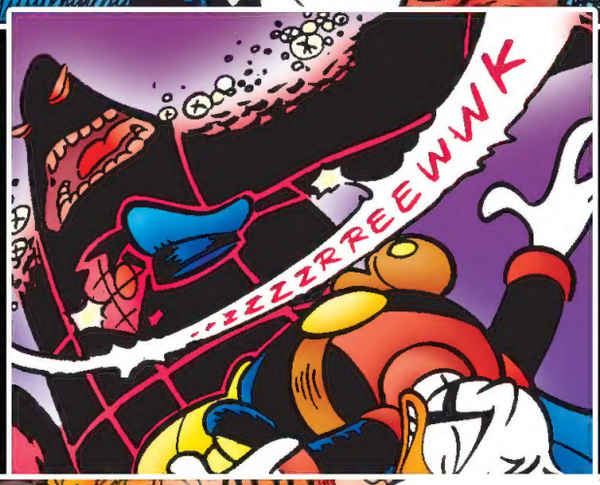

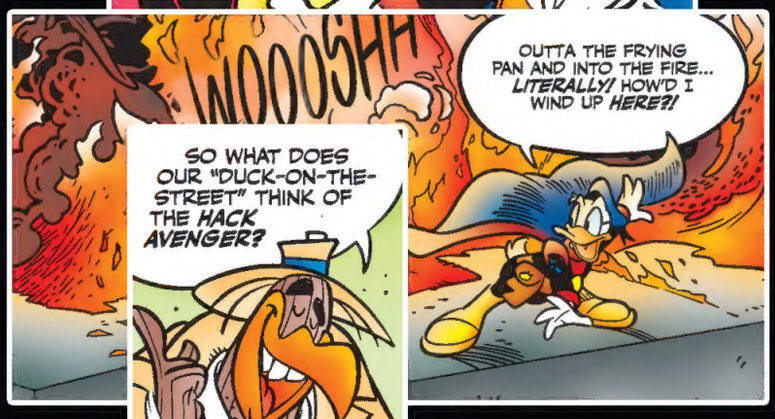

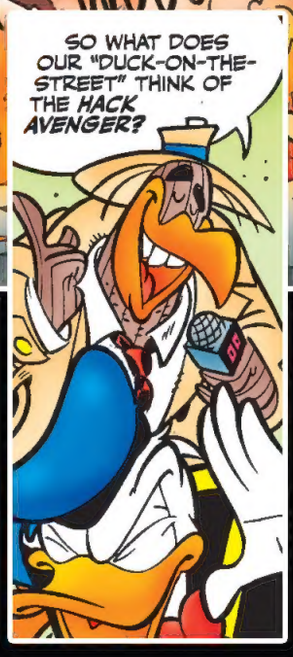

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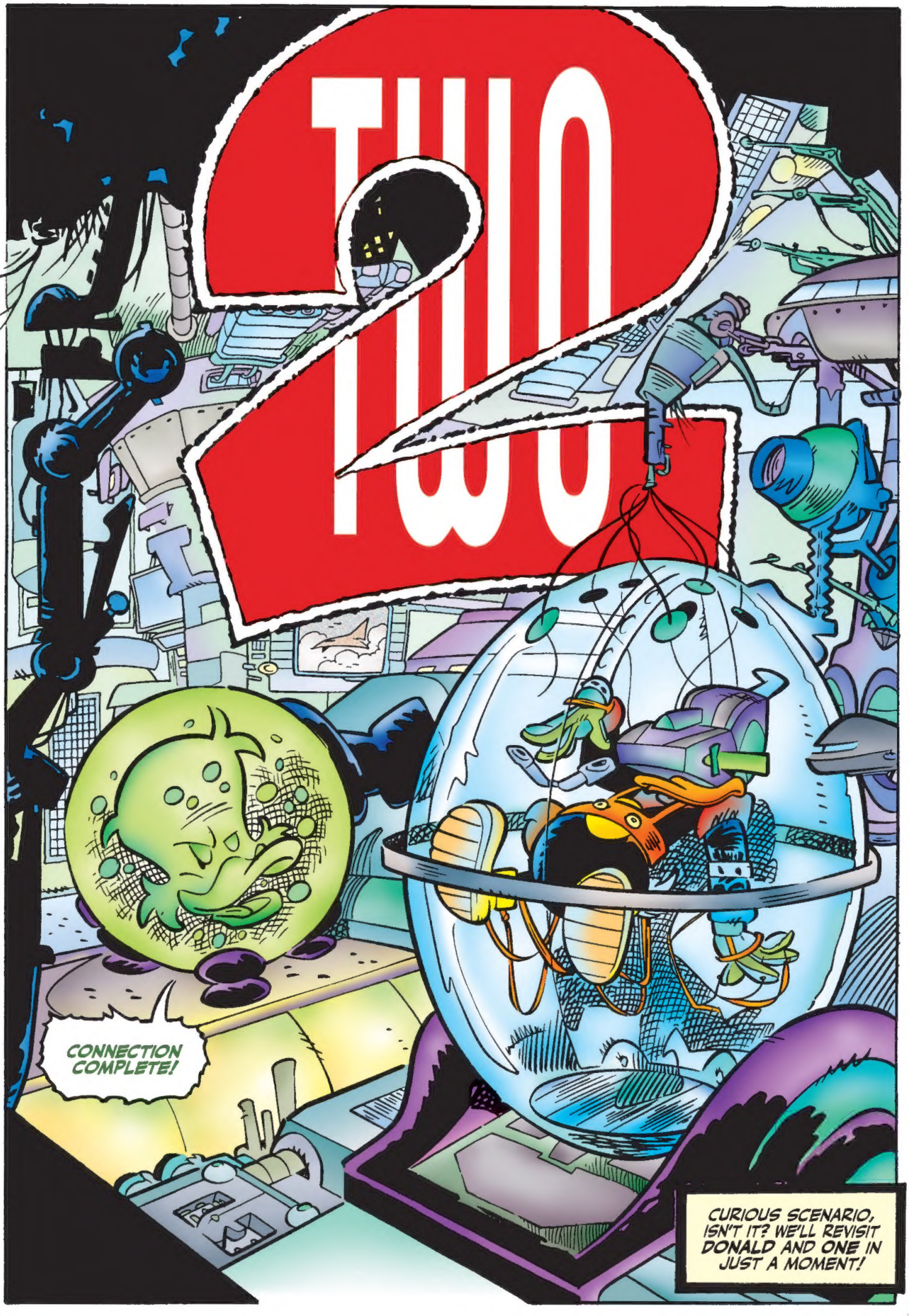

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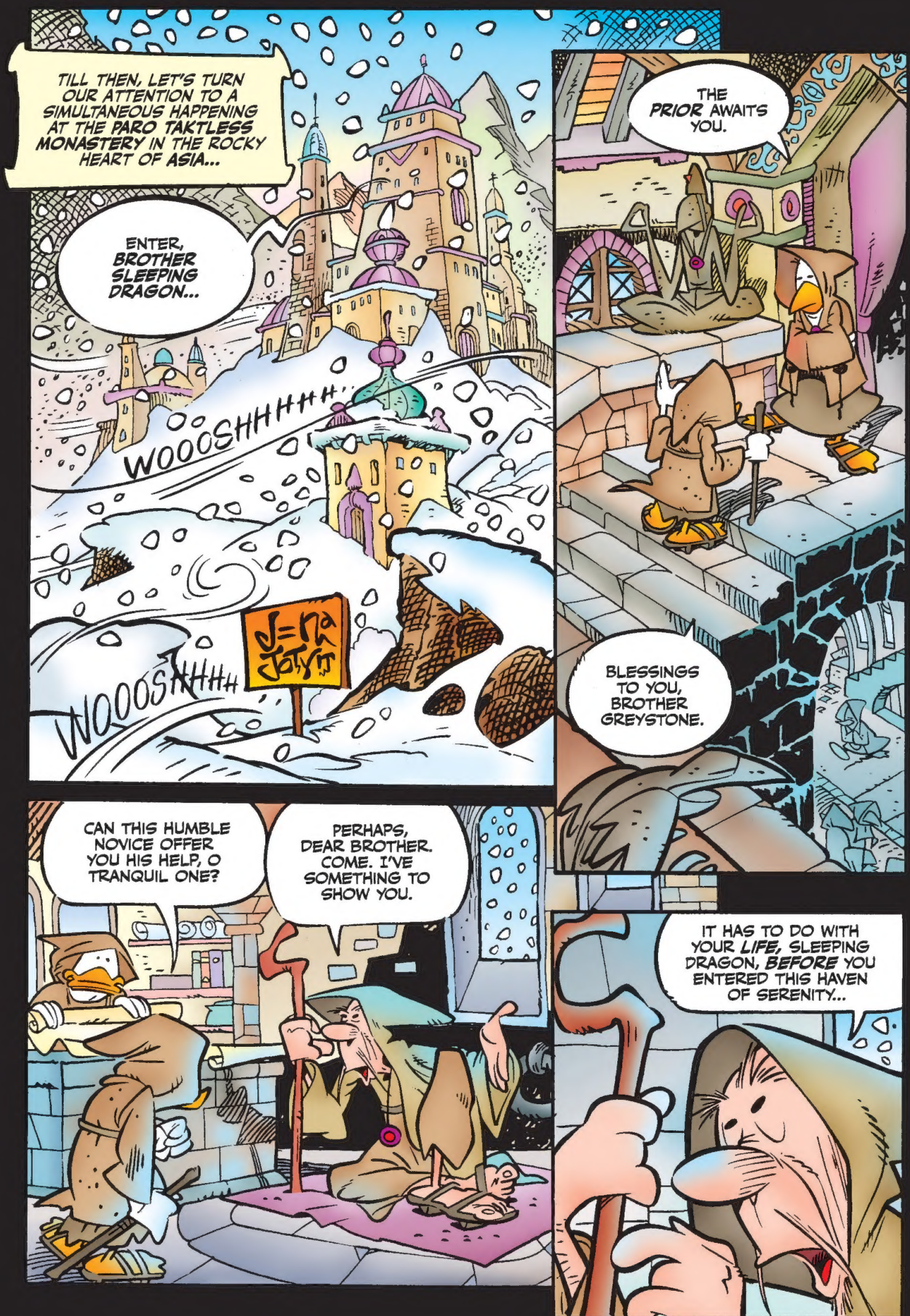
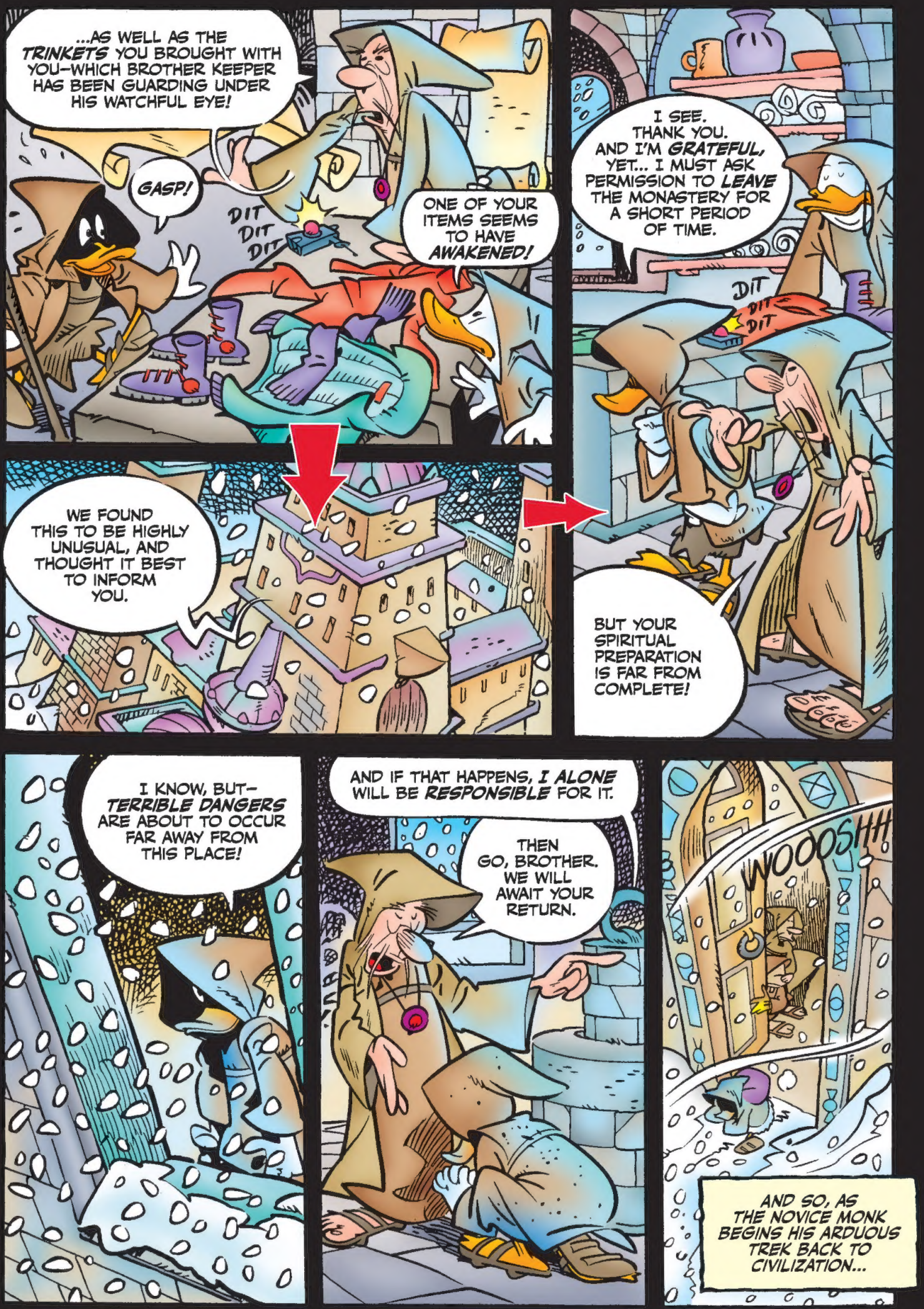
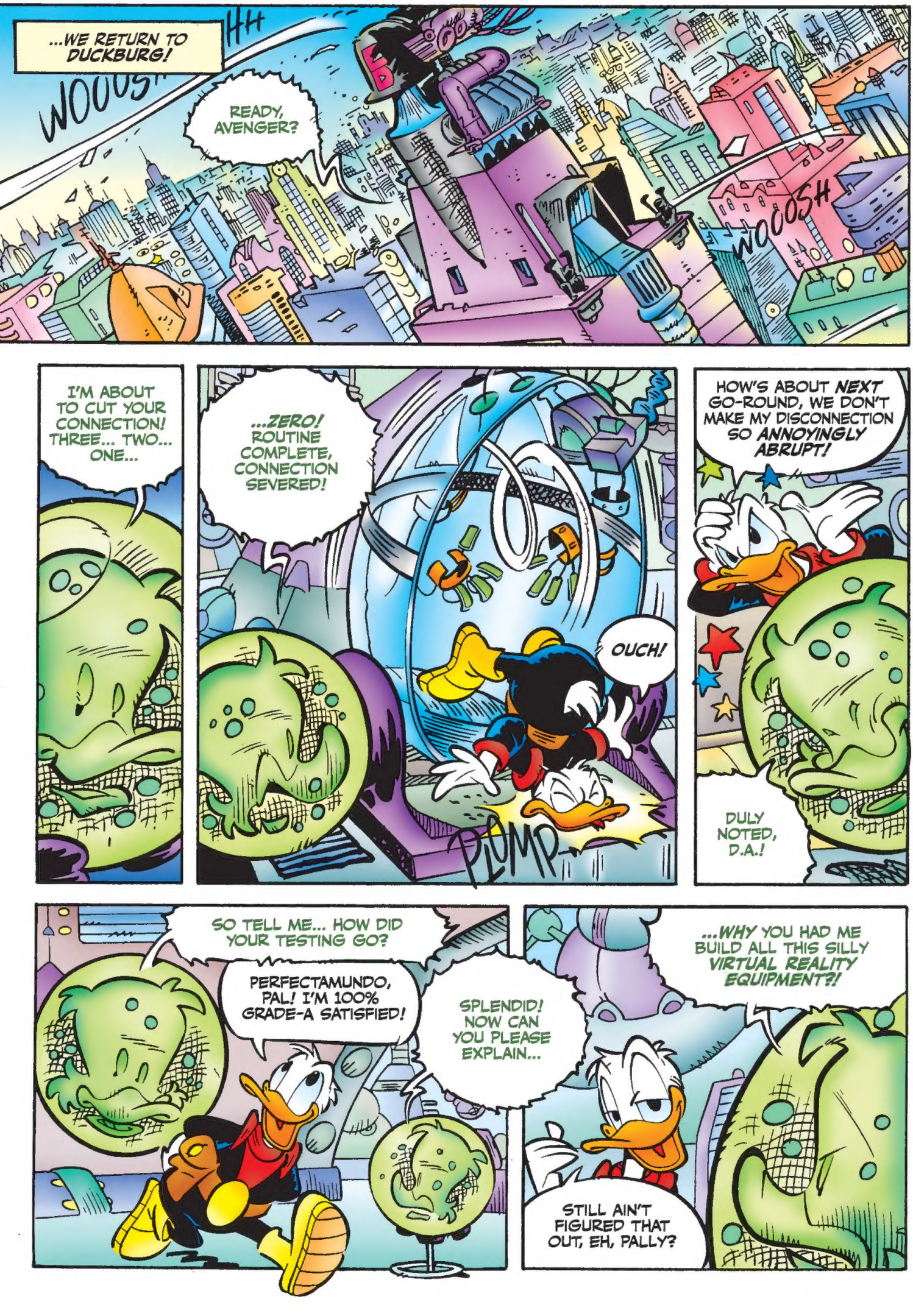
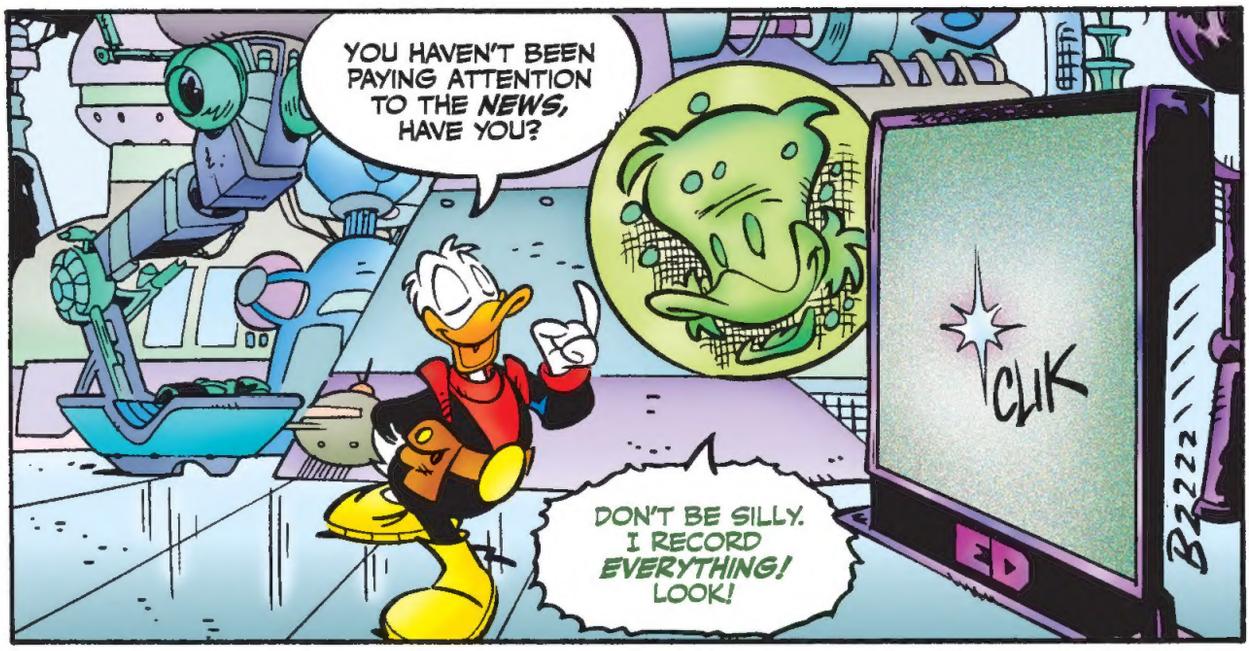
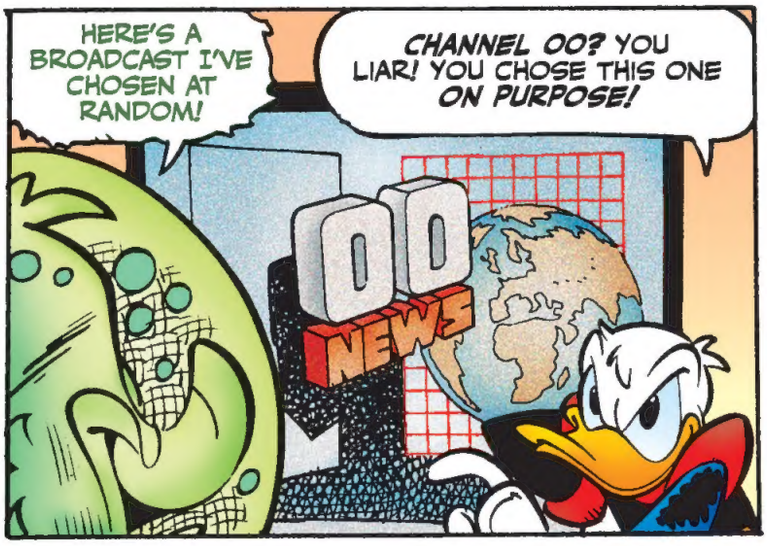
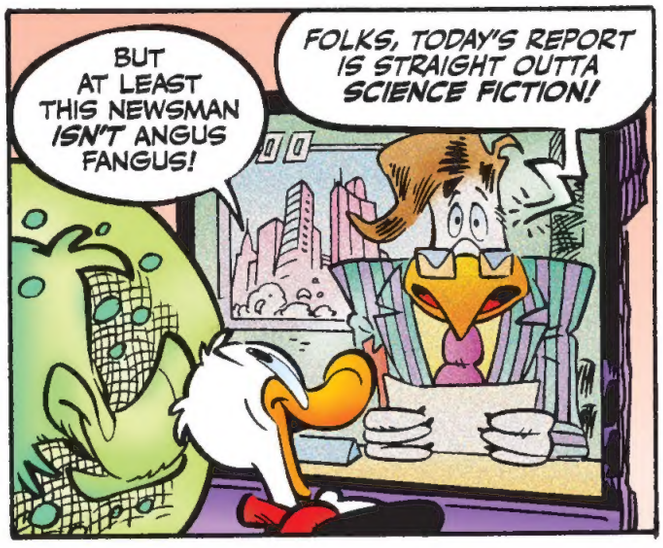

TILL THEN, LET'S TURN OUR ATTENTION TO A SIMULTANEOUS HAPPENING AT THE PARO TAKTLESS MONASTERY IN THE ROCKY HEART OF ASIA...
ENTER, BROTHER SLEEPING DRAGON...
WOOOSHHHHH
WOOOSHHHH
THE PRIOR AWAITS YOU.
BLESSINGS TO YOU, BROTHER GREYSTONE.
CAN THIS HUMBLE NOVICE OFFER YOU HIS HELP, O TRANQUIL ONE?
PERHAPS, DEAR BROTHER. COME. I'VE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU.
IT HAS TO DO WITH YOUR LIFE, SLEEPING DRAGON, BEFORE YOU ENTERED THIS HAVEN OF SERENITY...

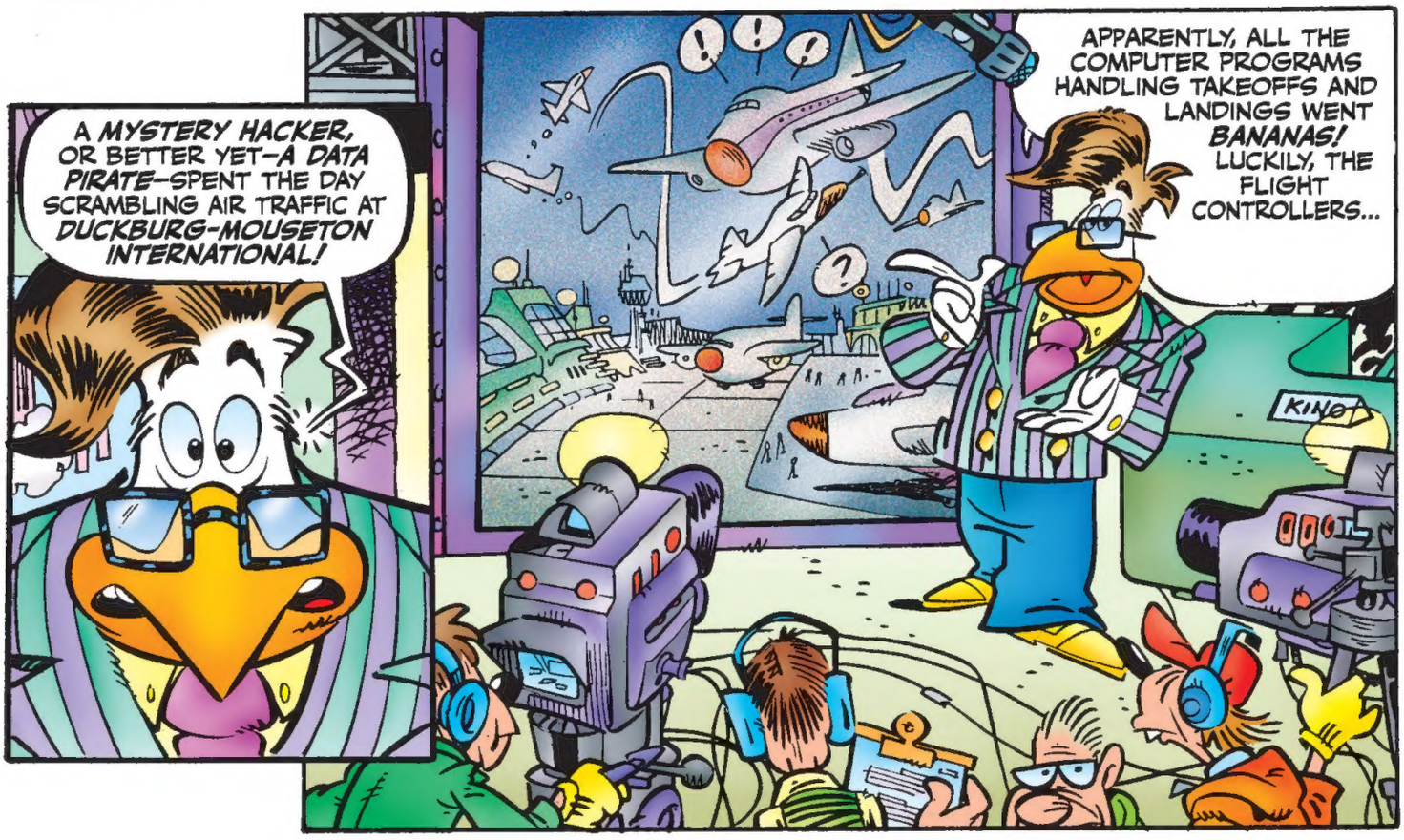

...AS WELL AS THE TRINKETS YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU—WHICH BROTHER KEEPER HAS BEEN GUARDING UNDER HIS WATCHFUL EYE!
GASP!
DIT DIT DIT
ONE OF YOUR ITEMS SEEMS TO HAVE AWAKENED!
I SEE. THANK YOU. AND I'M GRATEFUL, YET... I MUST ASK PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE MONASTERY FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.
DIT DIT DIT
WE FOUND THIS TO BE HIGHLY UNUSUAL, AND THOUGHT IT BEST TO INFORM YOU.
BUT YOUR SPIRITUAL PREPARATION IS FAR FROM COMPLETE!
I KNOW, BUT— TERRIBLE DANGERS ARE ABOUT TO OCCUR FAR AWAY FROM THIS PLACE!
AND IF THAT HAPPENS, I ALONE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.
THEN GO, BROTHER. WE WILL AWAIT YOUR RETURN.
WOOOSHH!
AND SO, AS THE NOVICE MONK BEGINS HIS ARDUOUS TREK BACK TO CIVILIZATION...

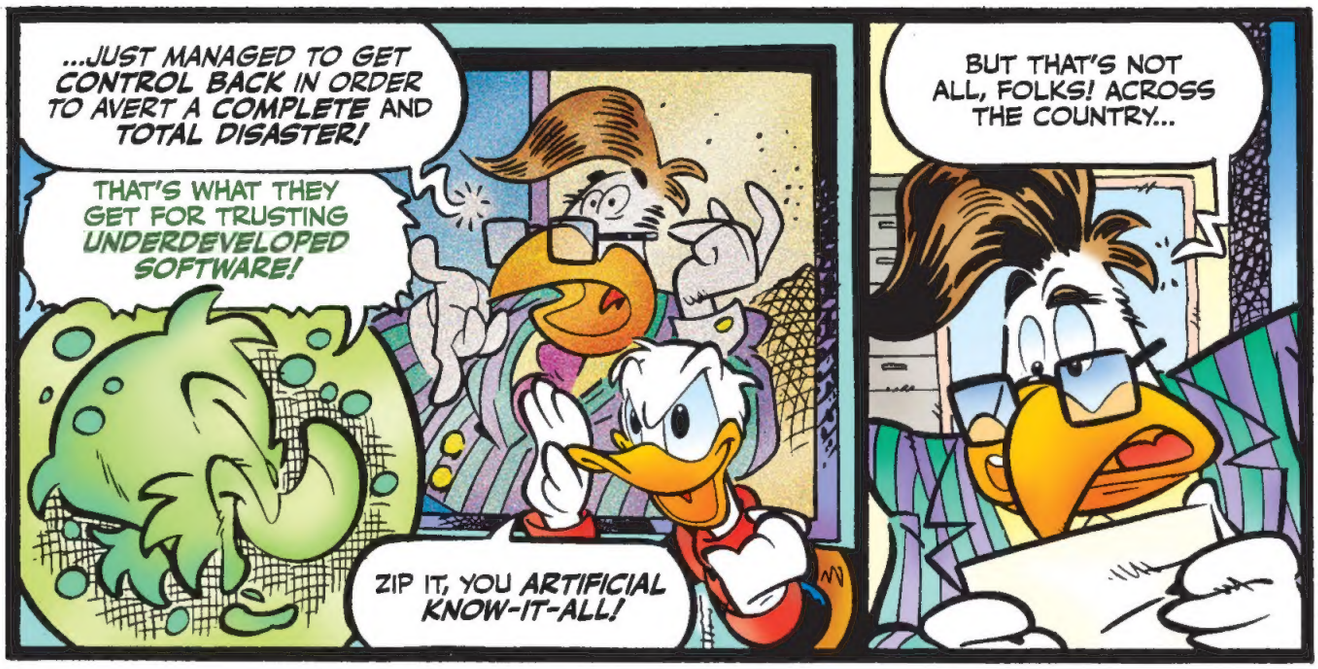

...WE RETURN TO DUCKBURG!
WOOOSH
READY, AVENGER?
WOOOSH
I'M ABOUT TO CUT YOUR CONNECTION! THREE... TWO... ONE...
...ZERO! ROUTINE COMPLETE, CONNECTION SEVERED!
OUCH!
PLUMP
HOW'S ABOUT NEXT GO-ROUND, WE DON'T MAKE MY DISCONNECTION SO ANNOYINGLY ABRUPT!
DULY NOTED, D.A.!
SO TELL ME... HOW DID YOUR TESTING GO?
PERFECTAMUNDO, PAL! I'M 100% GRADE-A SATISFIED!
SPLENDID! NOW CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN...
...WHY YOU HAD ME BUILD ALL THIS SILLY VIRTUAL REALITY EQUIPMENT?!
STILL AIN'T FIGURED THAT OUT, EH, PALLY?

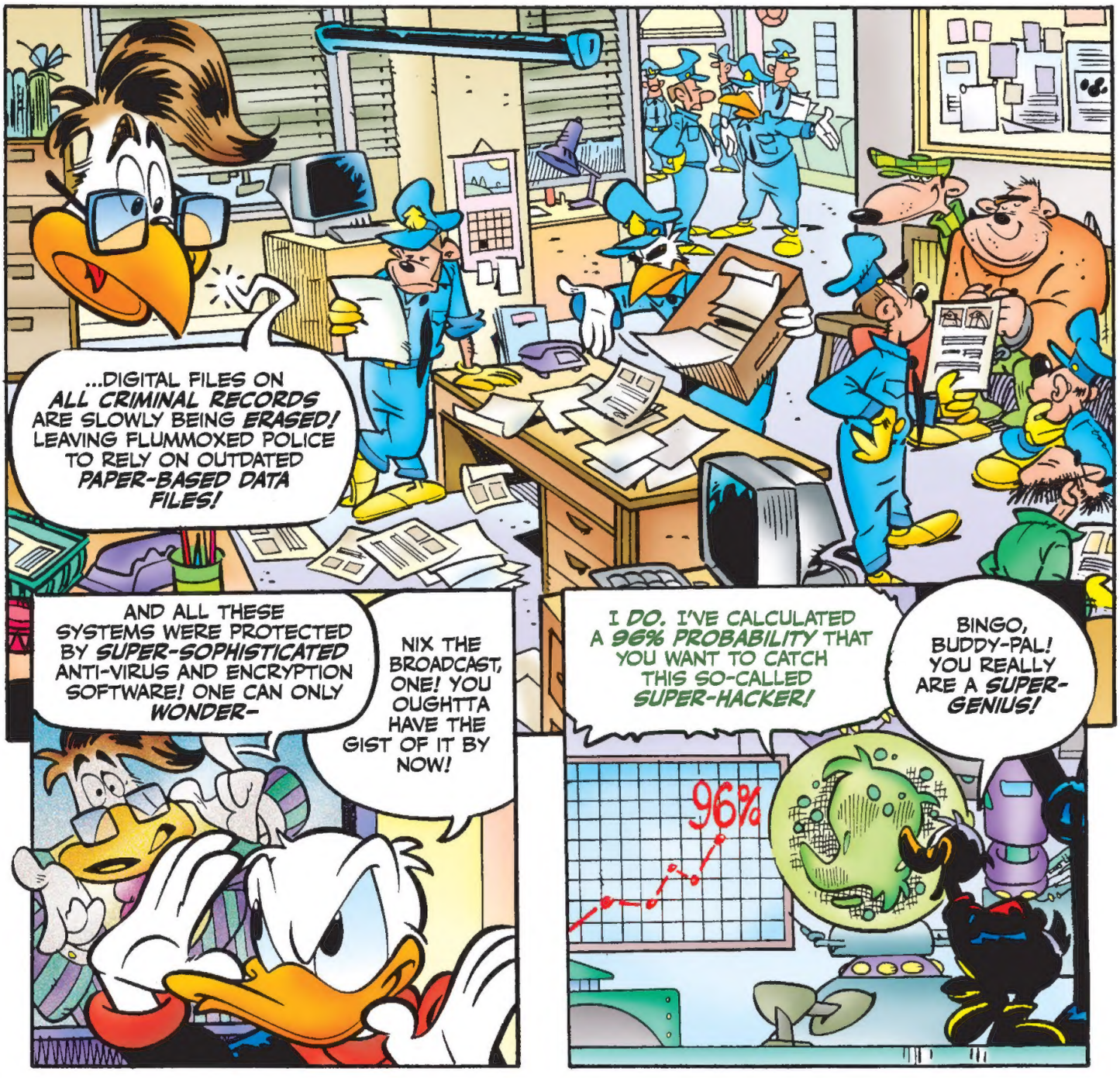

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING ATTENTION TO THE *NEWS*, HAVE YOU?
CLIK
ED
BZZZZ
DON'T BE SILLY. I RECORD *EVERYTHING!* LOOK!

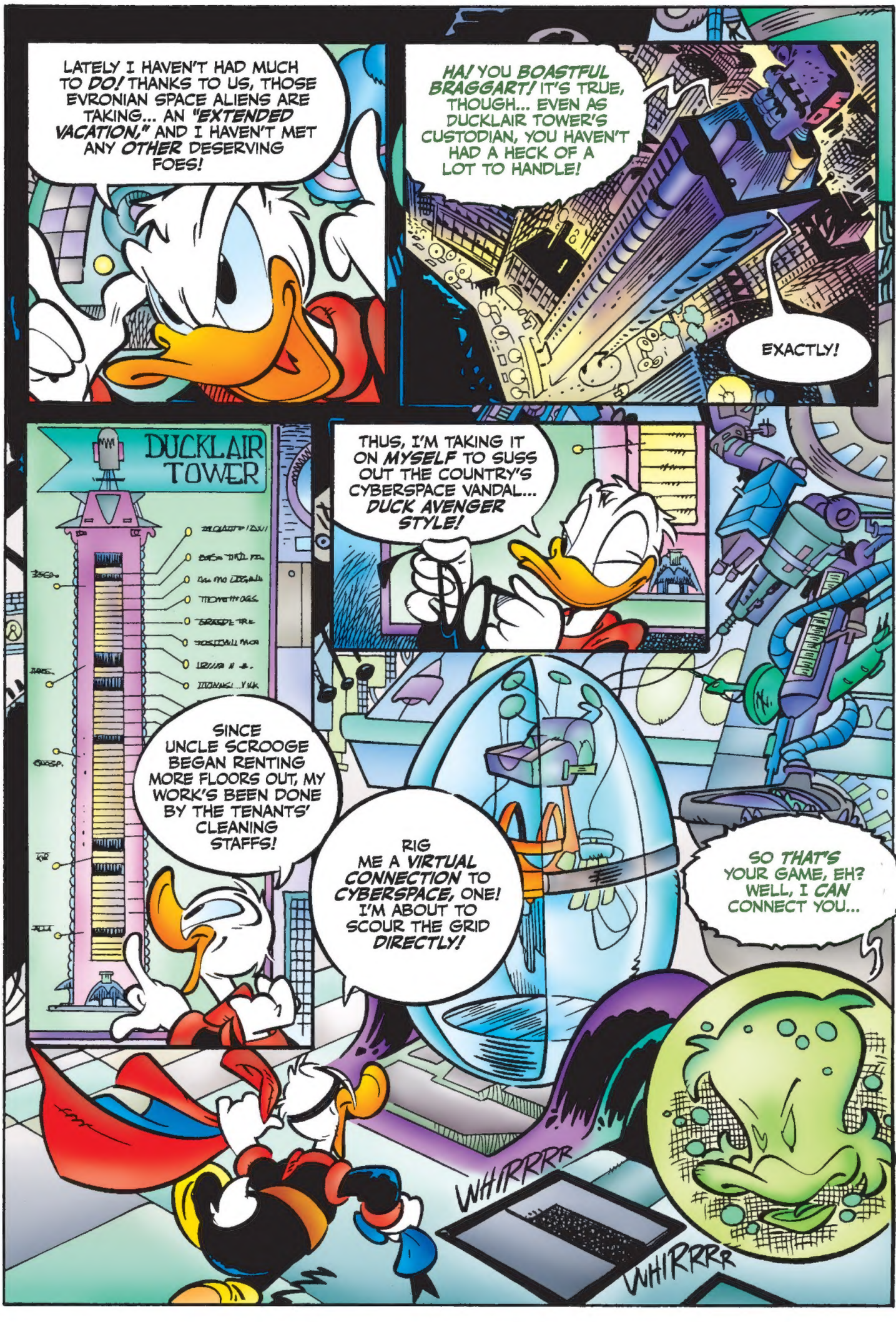

HERE'S A BROADCAST I'VE CHOSEN AT RANDOM!
CHANNEL 00? YOU LIAR! YOU CHOSE THIS ONE *ON PURPOSE!*
00
NEWS

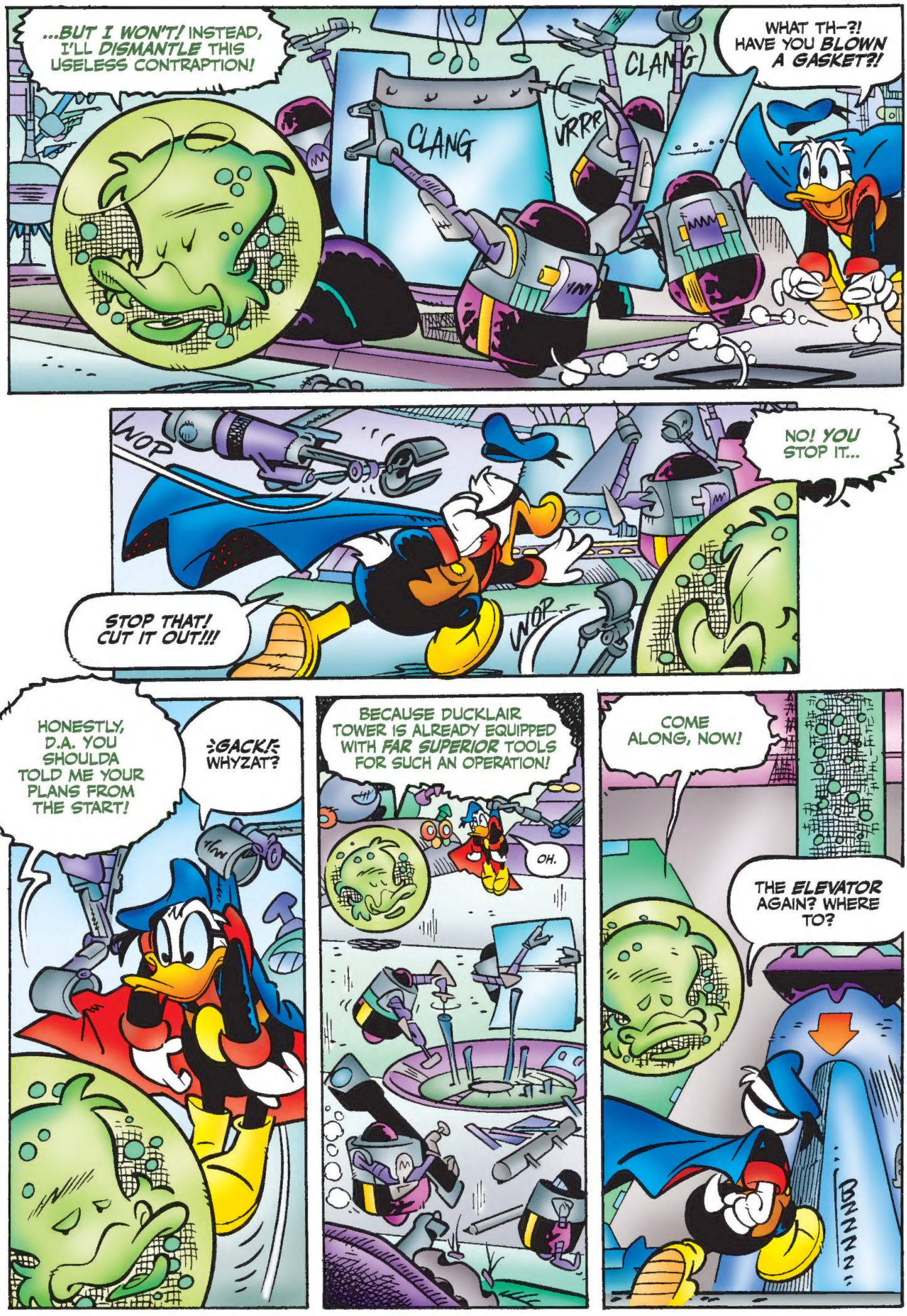

BUT AT LEAST THIS NEWSMAN *ISN'T* ANGUS FANGUS!
FOLKS, TODAY'S REPORT IS STRAIGHT OUTTA SCIENCE FICTION!

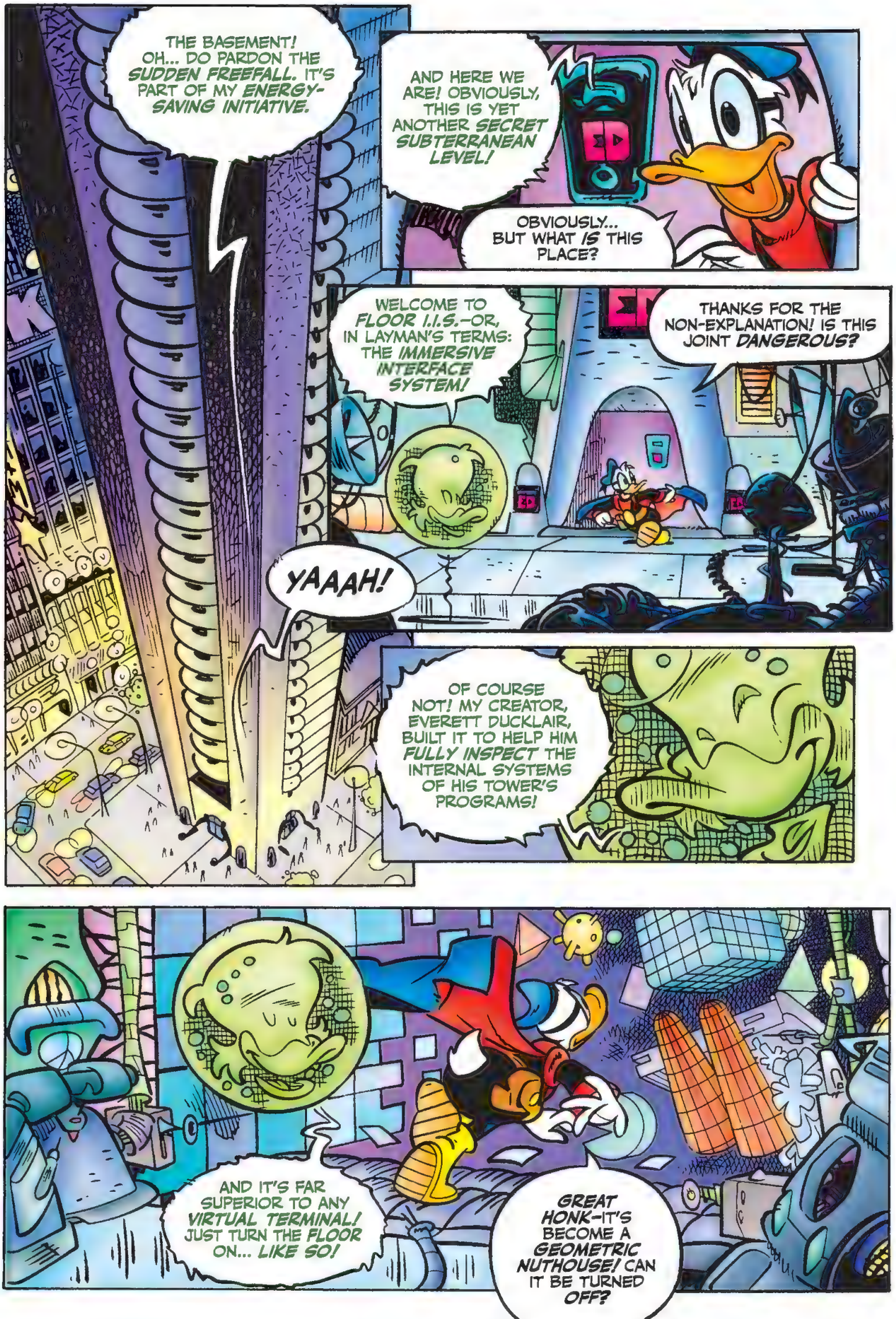

A *MYSTERY HACKER,* OR BETTER YET—*A DATA PIRATE*—SPENT THE DAY SCRAMBLING AIR TRAFFIC AT *DUCKBURG-MOUSETON INTERNATIONAL!*
APPARENTLY, ALL THE COMPUTER PROGRAMS HANDLING TAKEOFFS AND LANDINGS WENT *BANANAS!* LUCKILY, THE FLIGHT CONTROLLERS...
KING

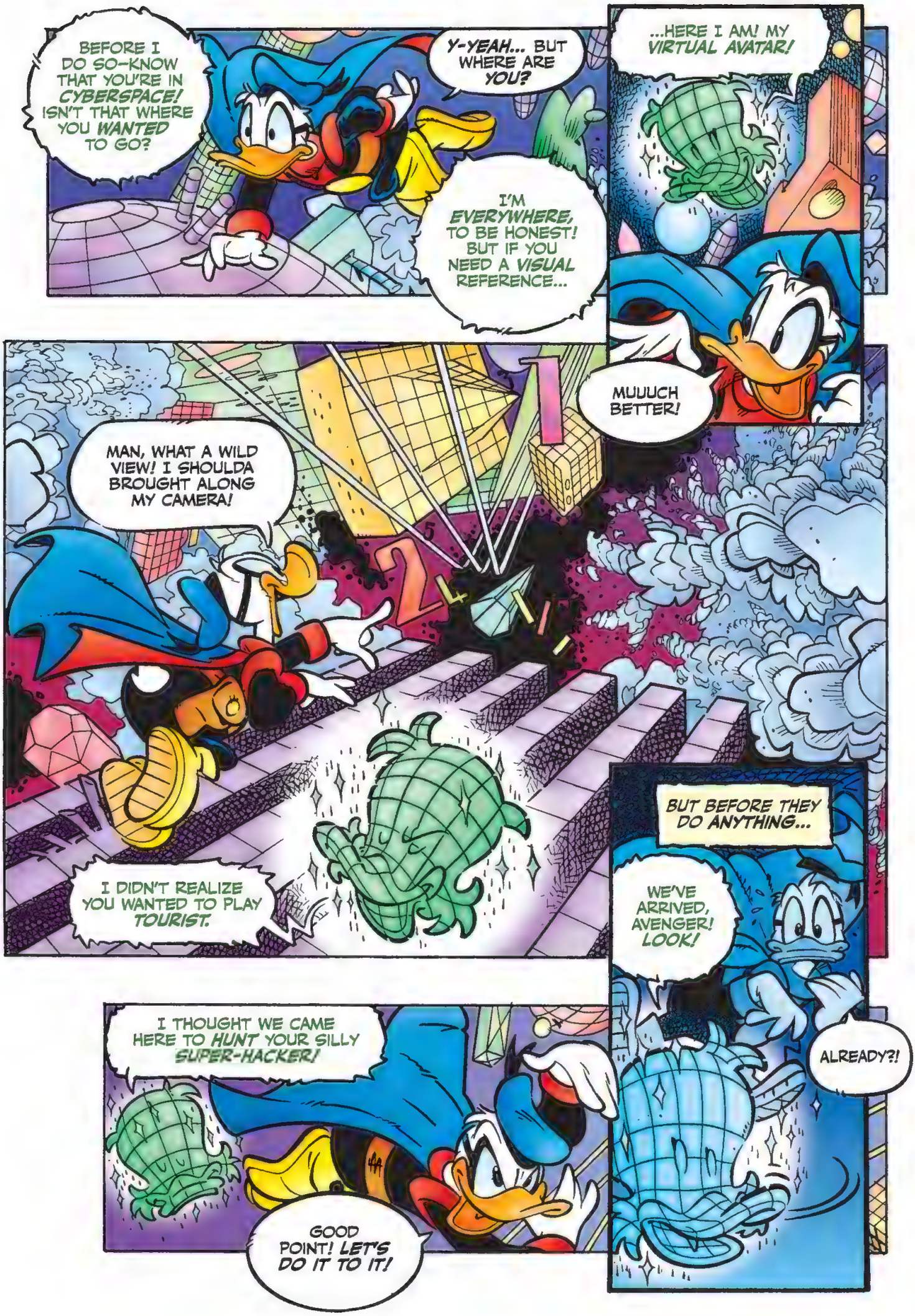

...JUST MANAGED TO GET CONTROL BACK IN ORDER TO AVERT A COMPLETE AND TOTAL DISASTER!
THAT'S WHAT THEY GET FOR TRUSTING UNDERDEVELOPED SOFTWARE!
ZIP IT, YOU ARTIFICIAL KNOW-IT-ALL!
BUT THAT'S NOT ALL, FOLKS! ACROSS THE COUNTRY...

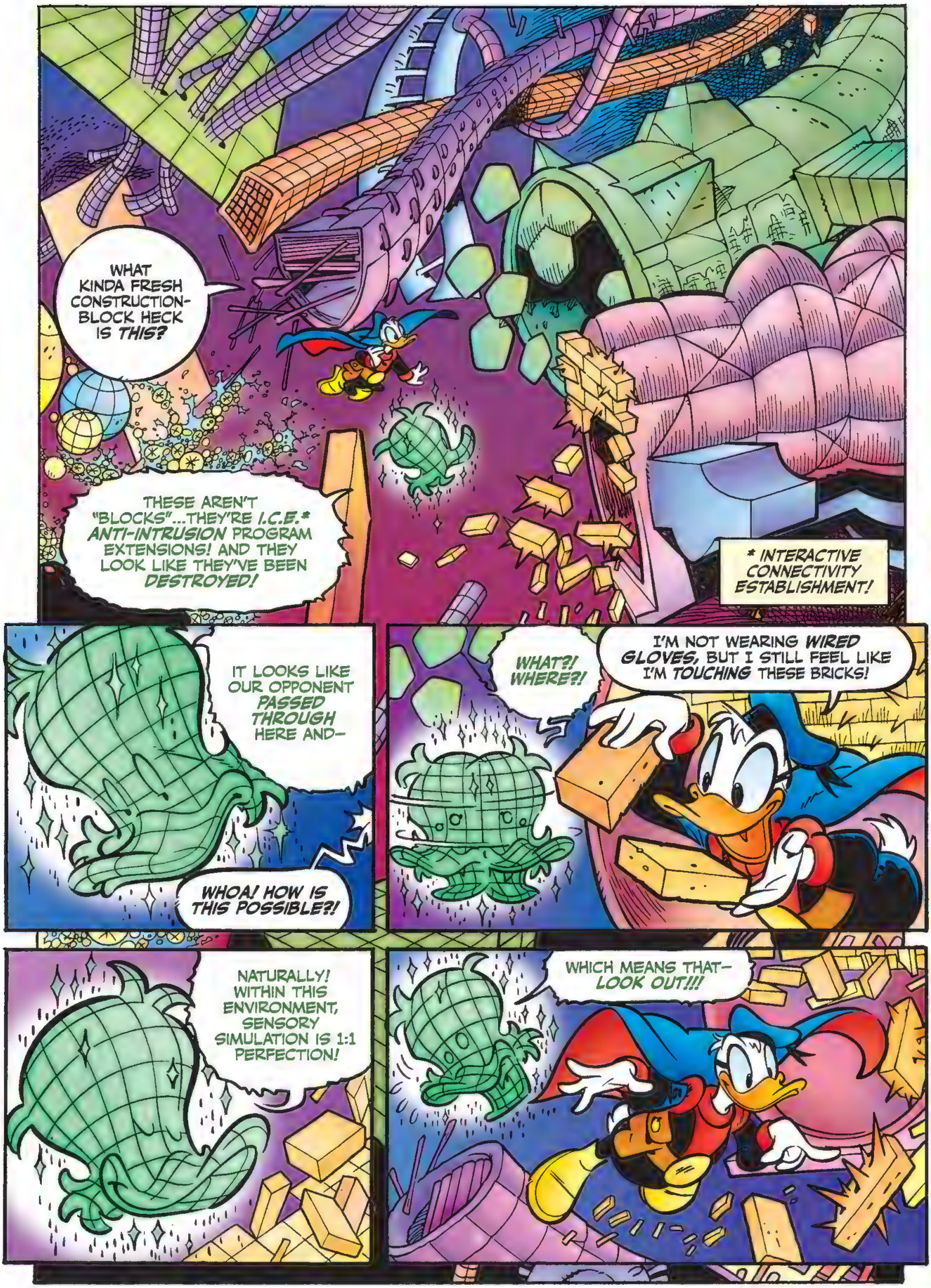

...DIGITAL FILES ON ALL CRIMINAL RECORDS ARE SLOWLY BEING ERASED! LEAVING FLUMMOXED POLICE TO RELY ON OUTDATED PAPER-BASED DATA FILES!
AND ALL THESE SYSTEMS WERE PROTECTED BY SUPER-SOPHISTICATED ANTI-VIRUS AND ENCRYPTION SOFTWARE! ONE CAN ONLY WONDER–
NIX THE BROADCAST, ONE! YOU OUGHTTA HAVE THE GIST OF IT BY NOW!
I DO. I'VE CALCULATED A 96% PROBABILITY THAT YOU WANT TO CATCH THIS SO-CALLED SUPER-HACKER!
96%
BINGO, BUDDY-PAL! YOU REALLY ARE A SUPER-GENIUS!

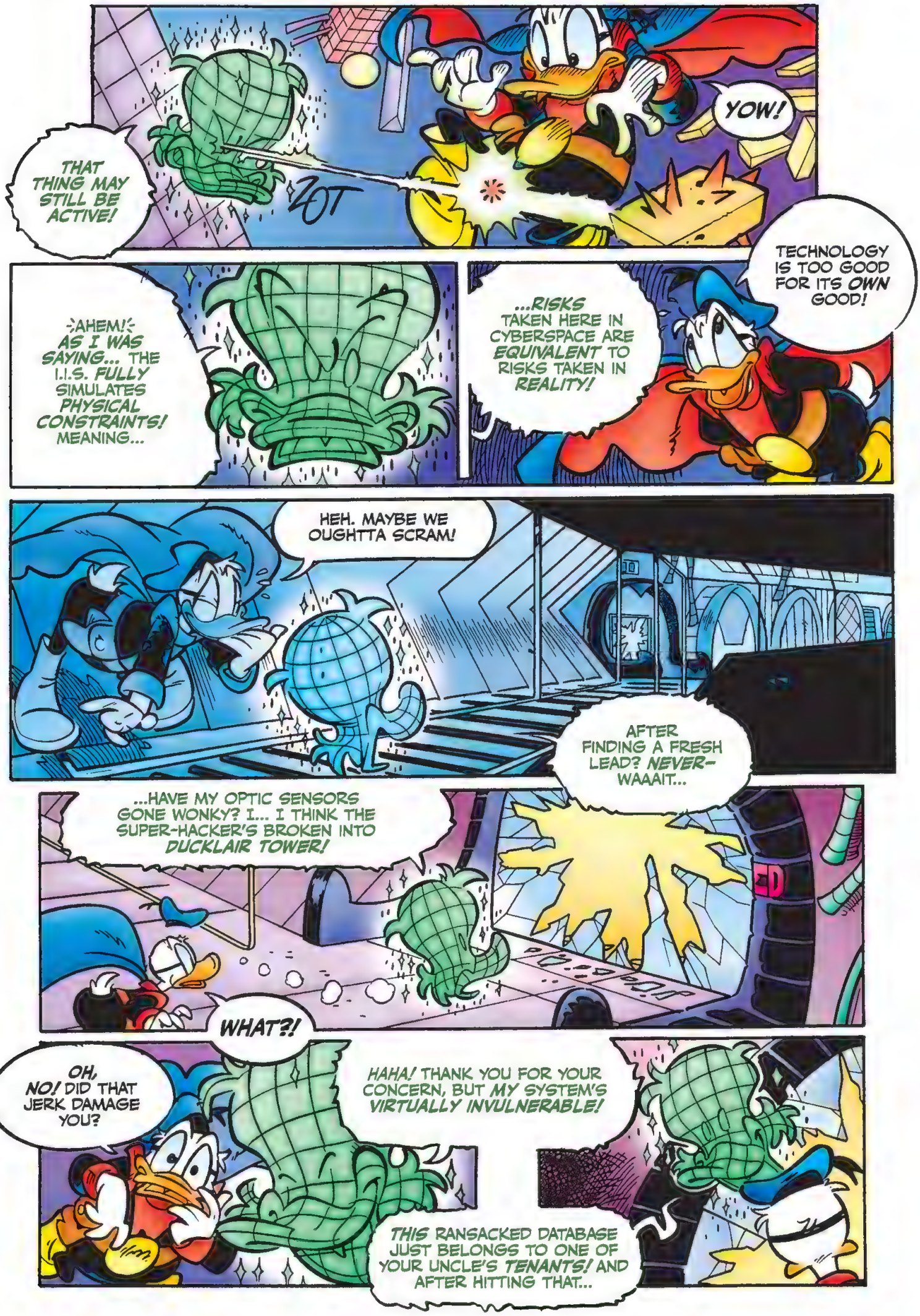

LATELY I HAVEN'T HAD MUCH TO *DO!* THANKS TO US, THOSE EVRONIAN SPACE ALIENS ARE TAKING... AN *"EXTENDED VACATION,"* AND I HAVEN'T MET ANY *OTHER* DESERVING FOES!
HA! YOU *BOASTFUL BRAGGART!* IT'S TRUE, THOUGH... EVEN AS DUCKLAIR TOWER'S CUSTODIAN, YOU HAVEN'T HAD A HECK OF A LOT TO HANDLE!
EXACTLY!
DUCKLAIR TOWER
THUS, I'M TAKING IT ON *MYSELF* TO SUSS OUT THE COUNTRY'S CYBERSPACE VANDAL... *DUCK AVENGER STYLE!*
SINCE UNCLE SCROOGE BEGAN RENTING MORE FLOORS OUT, MY WORK'S BEEN DONE BY THE TENANTS' CLEANING STAFFS!
RIG ME A *VIRTUAL CONNECTION* TO *CYBERSPACE,* ONE! I'M ABOUT TO SCOUR THE GRID *DIRECTLY!*
SO THAT'S YOUR GAME, EH? WELL, I *CAN* CONNECT YOU...
WHIRRRR
WHIRRRR


...BUT I WON'T! INSTEAD, I'LL DISMANTLE THIS USELESS CONTRAPTION!
CLANG
VRRR
CLANG
WHAT TH–?! HAVE YOU BLOWN A GASKET?!
WOP
NO! YOU STOP IT...
STOP THAT! CUT IT OUT!!!
WOP
HONESTLY, D.A. YOU SHOULDA TOLD ME YOUR PLANS FROM THE START!
:GACK!: WHYZAT?
BECAUSE DUCKLAIR TOWER IS ALREADY EQUIPPED WITH FAR SUPERIOR TOOLS FOR SUCH AN OPERATION!
OH.
COME ALONG, NOW!
THE ELEVATOR AGAIN? WHERE TO?
BZZZZ!

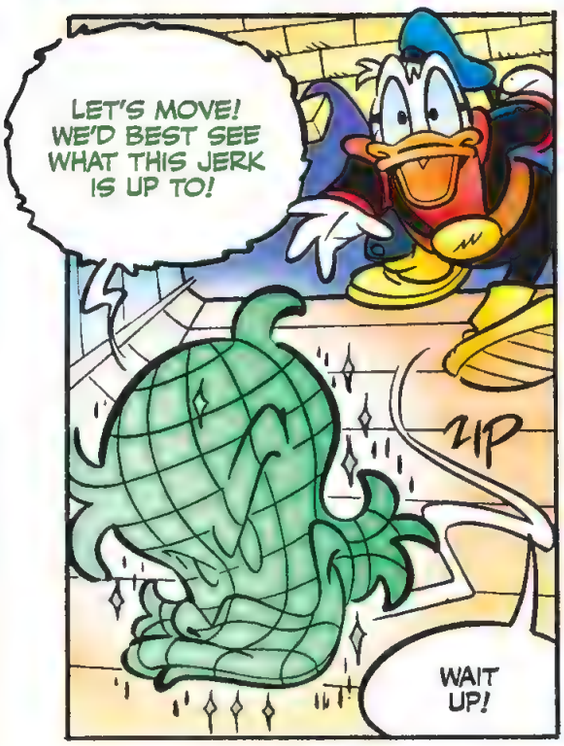

THE BASEMENT! OH... DO PARDON THE SUDDEN FREEFALL. IT'S PART OF MY ENERGY-SAVING INITIATIVE.
AND HERE WE ARE! OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS YET ANOTHER SECRET SUBTERRANEAN LEVEL!
OBVIOUSLY... BUT WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
WELCOME TO FLOOR I.I.S.–OR, IN LAYMAN'S TERMS: THE IMMERSIVE INTERFACE SYSTEM!
THANKS FOR THE NON-EXPLANATION! IS THIS JOINT DANGEROUS?
YAAAH!
OF COURSE NOT! MY CREATOR, EVERETT DUCKLAIR, BUILT IT TO HELP HIM FULLY INSPECT THE INTERNAL SYSTEMS OF HIS TOWER'S PROGRAMS!
AND IT'S FAR SUPERIOR TO ANY VIRTUAL TERMINAL! JUST TURN THE FLOOR ON... LIKE SO!
GREAT HONK–IT'S BECOME A GEOMETRIC NUTHOUSE! CAN IT BE TURNED OFF?

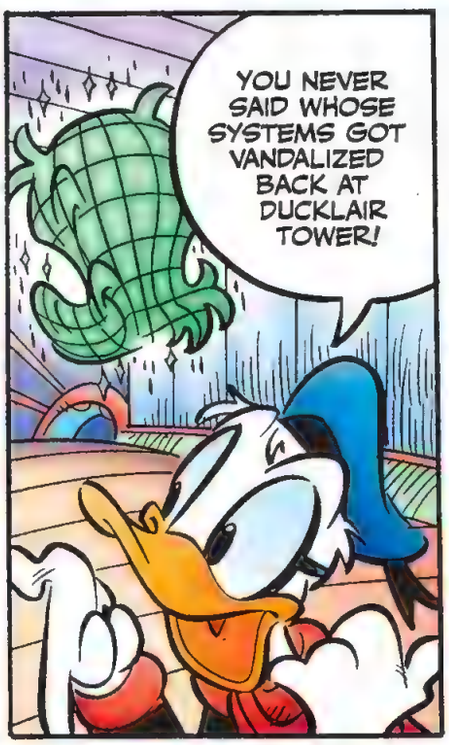

BEFORE I DO SO–KNOW THAT YOU'RE IN CYBERSPACE! ISN'T THAT WHERE YOU WANTED TO GO?
Y-YEAH... BUT WHERE ARE YOU?
I'M EVERYWHERE, TO BE HONEST! BUT IF YOU NEED A VISUAL REFERENCE...
...HERE I AM! MY VIRTUAL AVATAR!
MUUUCH BETTER!
MAN, WHAT A WILD VIEW! I SHOULDA BROUGHT ALONG MY CAMERA!
I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WANTED TO PLAY TOURIST.
BUT BEFORE THEY DO ANYTHING...
WE'VE ARRIVED, AVENGER! LOOK!
ALREADY?!
I THOUGHT WE CAME HERE TO HUNT YOUR SILLY SUPER-HACKER!
GOOD POINT! LET'S DO IT TO IT!


WHAT KINDA FRESH CONSTRUCTION-BLOCK HECK IS *THIS?*
THESE AREN'T "BLOCKS"...THEY'RE *I.C.E.** *ANTI-INTRUSION* PROGRAM EXTENSIONS! AND THEY LOOK LIKE THEY'VE BEEN *DESTROYED!*
* *INTERACTIVE CONNECTIVITY ESTABLISHMENT!*
IT LOOKS LIKE OUR OPPONENT *PASSED THROUGH* HERE AND–
WHOA! HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?!
WHAT?! WHERE?!
I'M NOT WEARING *WIRED GLOVES,* BUT I STILL FEEL LIKE I'M *TOUCHING* THESE BRICKS!
NATURALLY! WITHIN THIS ENVIRONMENT, SENSORY SIMULATION IS 1:1 PERFECTION!
WHICH MEANS THAT– *LOOK OUT!!!*

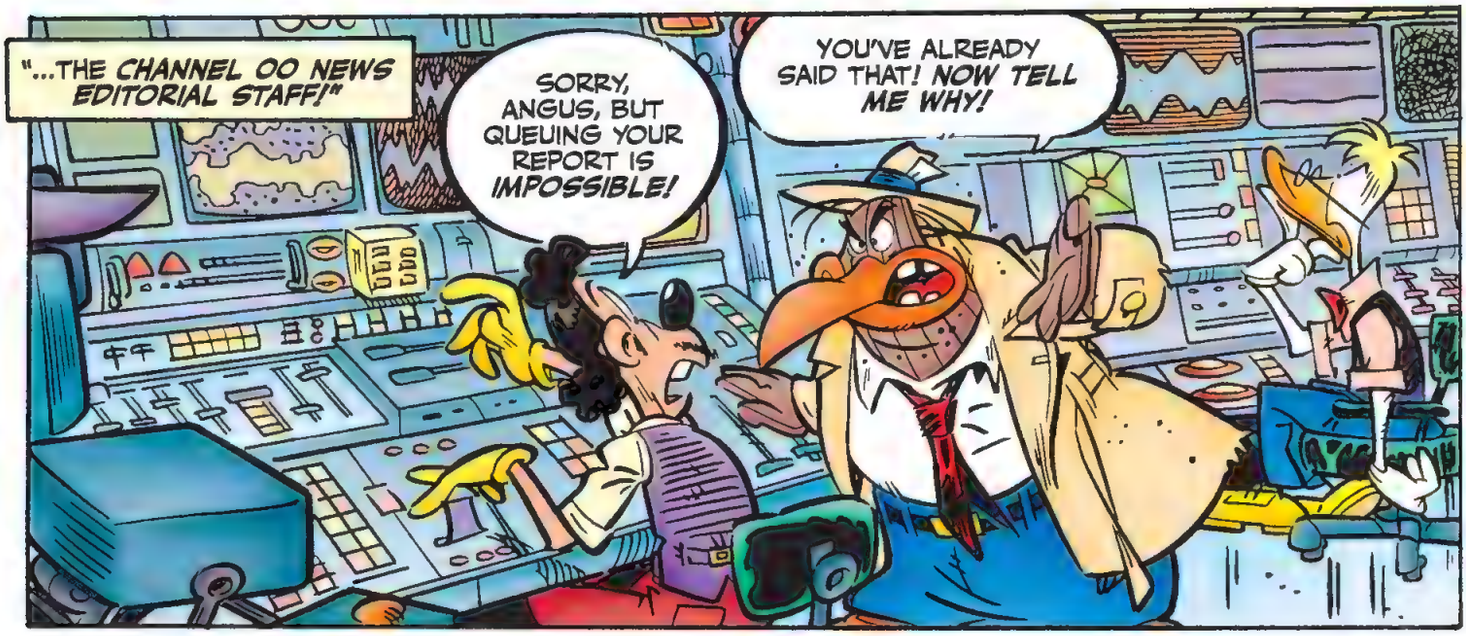

THAT THING MAY STILL BE ACTIVE!
ZOT
YOW!
TECHNOLOGY IS TOO GOOD FOR ITS OWN GOOD!
...RISKS TAKEN HERE IN CYBERSPACE ARE EQUIVALENT TO RISKS TAKEN IN REALITY!
:AHEM!: AS I WAS SAYING... THE I.I.S. FULLY SIMULATES PHYSICAL CONSTRAINTS! MEANING...
HEH. MAYBE WE OUGHTTA SCRAM!
AFTER FINDING A FRESH LEAD? NEVER- WAAAIT...
...HAVE MY OPTIC SENSORS GONE WONKY? I... I THINK THE SUPER-HACKER'S BROKEN INTO DUCKLAIR TOWER!
WHAT?!
OH, NO! DID THAT JERK DAMAGE YOU?
HAHA! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN, BUT MY SYSTEM'S VIRTUALLY INVULNERABLE!
THIS RANSACKED DATABASE JUST BELONGS TO ONE OF YOUR UNCLE'S TENANTS! AND AFTER HITTING THAT...

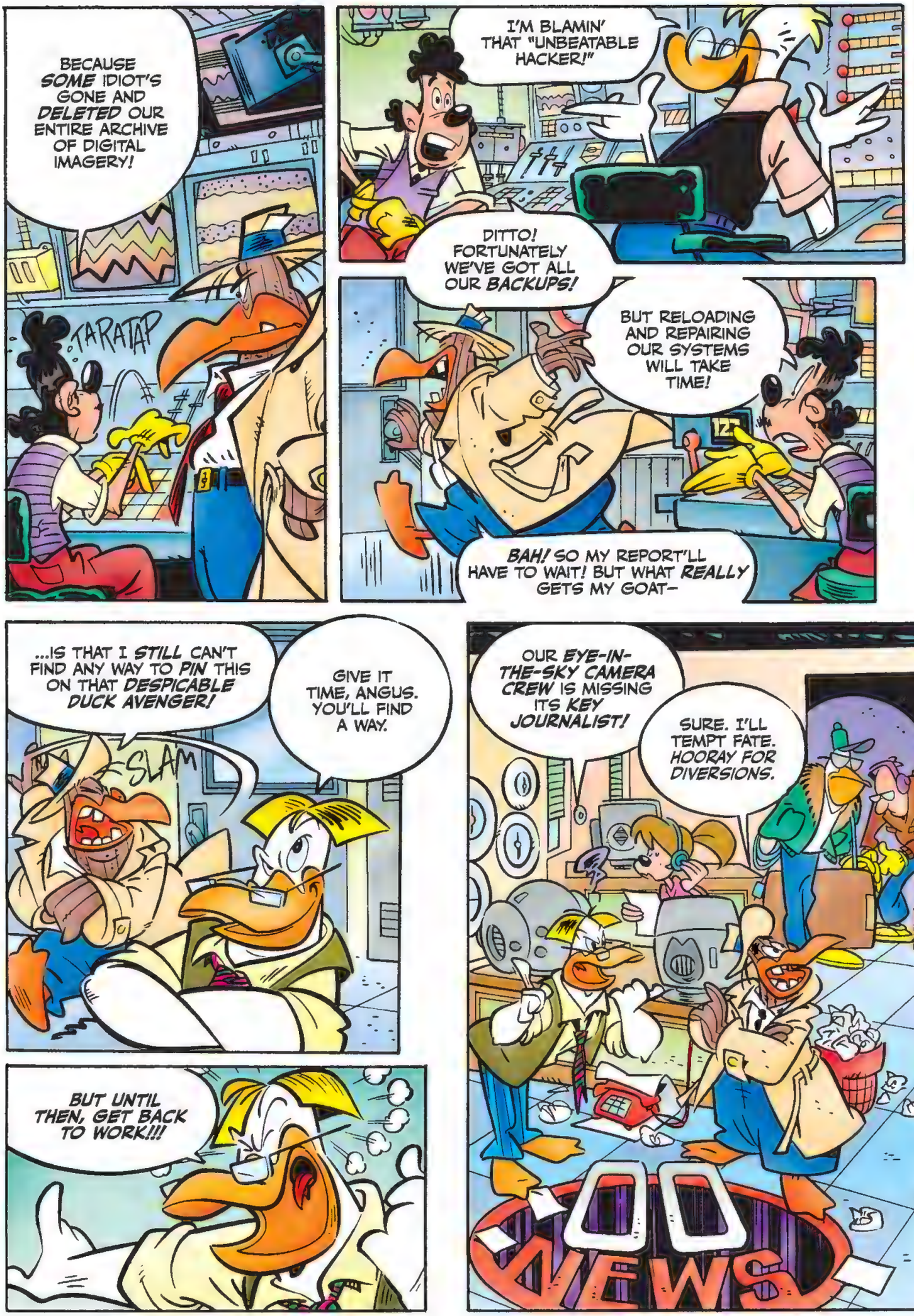
...OUR LITTLE VILLAIN INVADED THE SYSTEMS OF E-SFX!
E SFX
I KNOW THEM! THEY MAKE DIGITAL SPECIAL EFFECTS FOR MOVIES!


LET'S MOVE! WE'D BEST SEE WHAT THIS JERK IS UP TO!
ZIP
WAIT UP!


YOU NEVER SAID WHOSE SYSTEMS GOT VANDALIZED BACK AT DUCKLAIR TOWER!

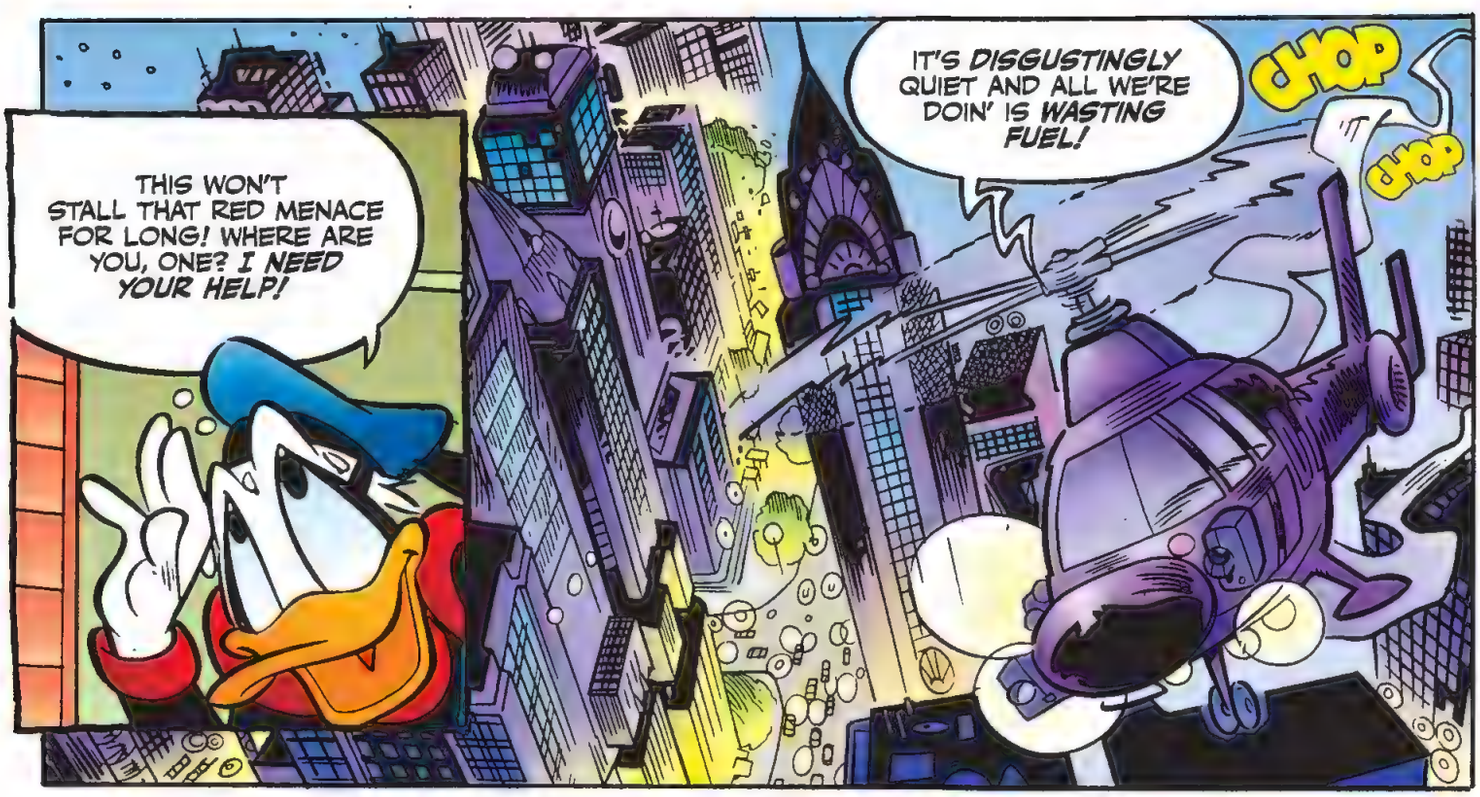
HA! ONLY THE PRINCIPAL ARCHIVES OF...


"...THE CHANNEL OO NEWS EDITORIAL STAFF!"
SORRY, ANGUS, BUT QUEUING YOUR REPORT IS IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU'VE ALREADY SAID THAT! NOW TELL ME WHY!

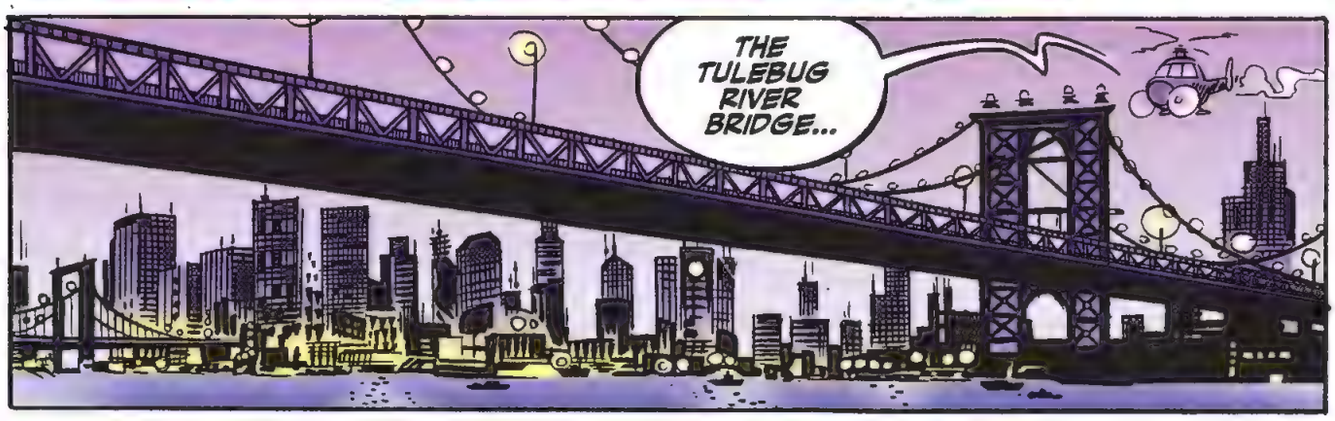

BECAUSE SOME IDIOT'S GONE AND DELETED OUR ENTIRE ARCHIVE OF DIGITAL IMAGERY!
TARATAP
I'M BLAMIN' THAT "UNBEATABLE HACKER!"
DITTO! FORTUNATELY WE'VE GOT ALL OUR BACKUPS!
BUT RELOADING AND REPAIRING OUR SYSTEMS WILL TAKE TIME!
BAH! SO MY REPORT'LL HAVE TO WAIT! BUT WHAT REALLY GETS MY GOAT–
...IS THAT I STILL CAN'T FIND ANY WAY TO PIN THIS ON THAT DESPICABLE DUCK AVENGER!
SLAM
GIVE IT TIME, ANGUS. YOU'LL FIND A WAY.
BUT UNTIL THEN, GET BACK TO WORK!!!
OUR EYE-IN-THE-SKY CAMERA CREW IS MISSING ITS KEY JOURNALIST!
SURE. I'LL TEMPT FATE. HOORAY FOR DIVERSIONS.
OOO NEWS

CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
MEANWHILE, BACK IN CYSBERSPACE...
WOW... SO THIS IS THE E-SFX DATA VAULT!
I BET THIS JOINT'S LOADED WITH SPOILERS FOR UNRELEASED MOVIES! BUT HOW TO TAKE A PEEK?
1
2
YOU COULD GET A HOOK-UP! RIGHT, ONE?
-ZZZZRREEWWK
WOTTA WALLOP! I GOT HIT BY A TRAIN WITHOUT KNOWING I WAS ON THE TRACK!
:SCREECH!: WHAT IS THIS THING?!
AAARGH!
EEWWK
FTHAM

VEEEW
IF I HAD MY X-TRANSFORMER SHIELD, I— WAIT, MAYBE THOSE *DIGITAL PLATES*...
HOWLIN' CRASHWAGONS... *THE HACKER!* OR AT LEAST THE *VIRTUAL AVATAR* HE USED TO DESTROY THOSE DATABANKS!
...CAN BLOCK HIM! I'D BETTER SEND A *BIG* BOX OF CHOCOLATES TO THE E-SFX PROGRAMMERS!
B-ZAAAM
TH
OOM
FLING
ARE THESE *BRICK PINCUSHIONS* AS DEADLY AS ONE SAID THEY WERE?
YES? NO? MAYBE SO? DON'T WANNA TEST IT, DO YA, NOISY BOY?


THIS WON'T STALL THAT RED MENACE FOR LONG! WHERE ARE YOU, ONE? I NEED YOUR HELP!
IT'S DISGUSTINGLY QUIET AND ALL WE'RE DOIN' IS WASTING FUEL!
CHOP
CHOP

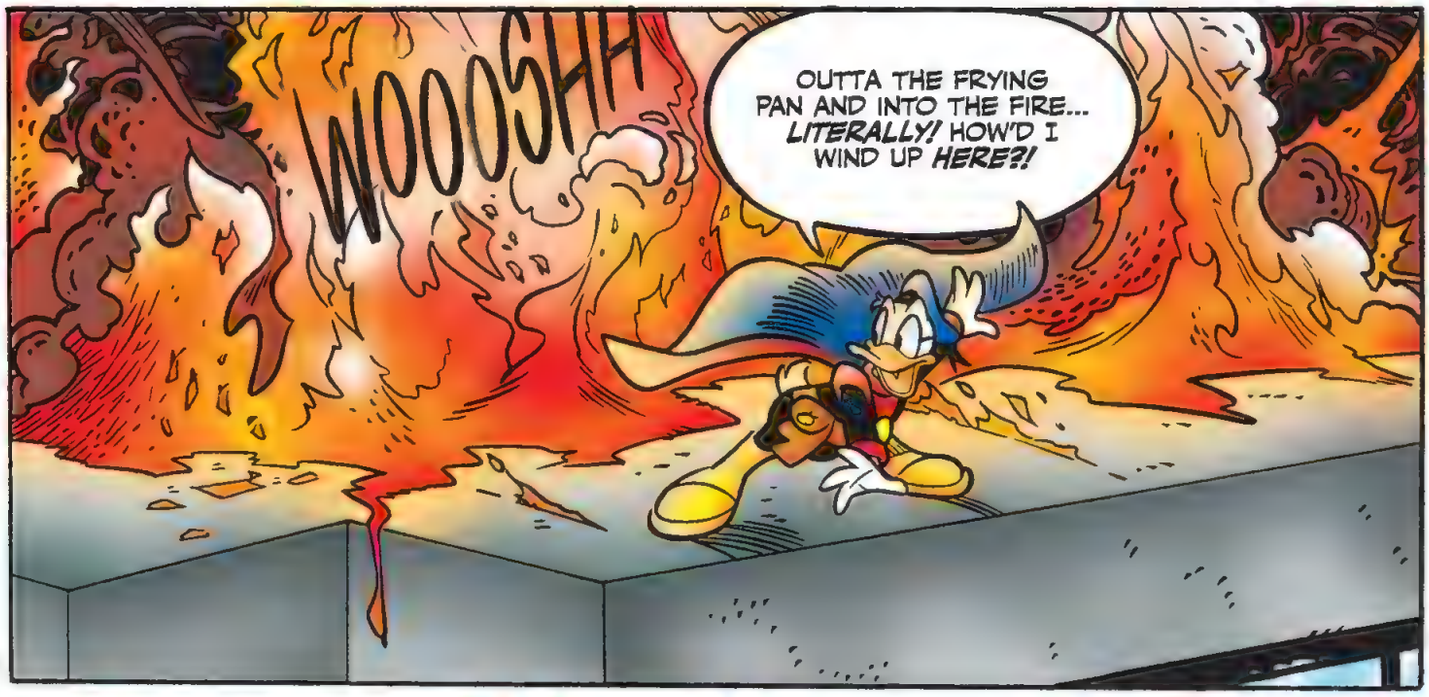
GOOD THING I AIN'T PAYIN' FOR IT! KIWIHEEHEE! SO LET'S ENJOY THE VIEW!


THE TULEBUG RIVER BRIDGE...

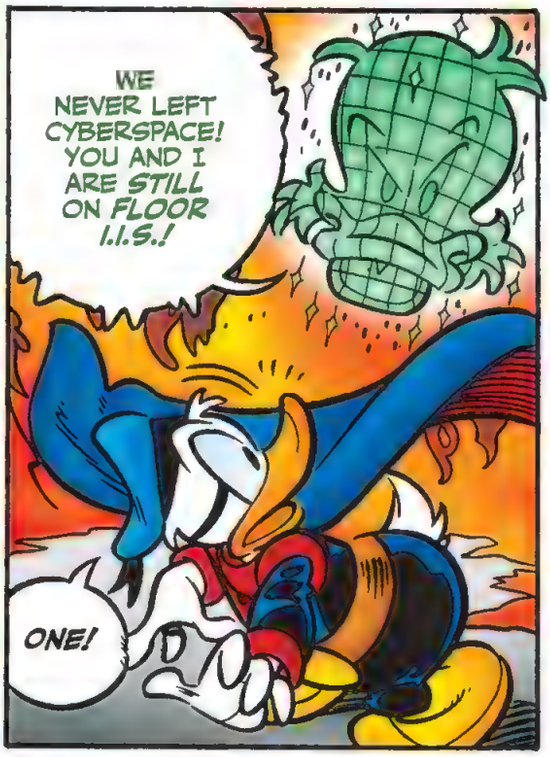
...NOTRE DUCK CATHEDRAL...

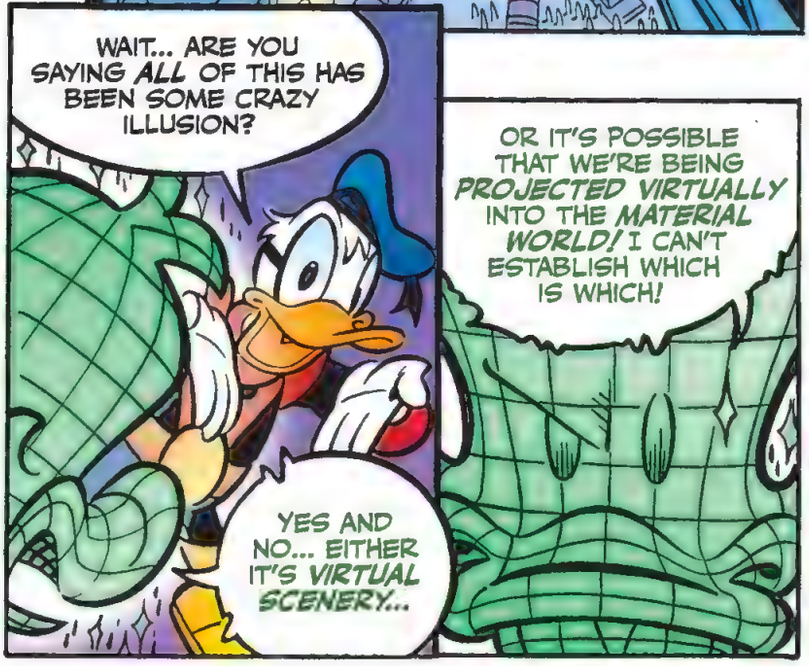
E-SFX
WAIT— WHAT?! WHY'D THEY TURN OFF THE HOLO-LAMPS?
BOOM
WHOA! DODGE IT! DODGE IT!!
...AND THE HOLOGRAPHIC SIGN ATOP E-SFX TOWER!
NO! DON'T YOU DODGE A THING, PILOT! IF YOU DIDN'T NOTICE—THAT'S OUR STORY!
HEY, YOU! TURN ON THOSE EXTERNAL CAMERAS!
ALREADY DID, ANGUS!

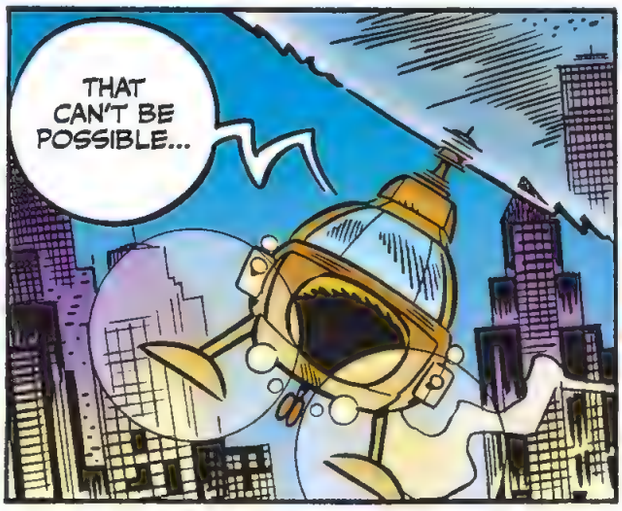
KIWIHEEHEE! IN 100% HONESTY– THIS TIME THOSE E-SFX TECHNICIANS WENT WAY OVERBOARD ON THE REALISTIC SPECIAL EFFECTS!
BOOOAR
UEEEEE
BEEP
HONK
BEEP
AND IT'S JUST AS HOT IN THE CYBER NETWORK, TOO!
I CAN'T HOLD OUT ANYMORE! ONE!!!
THIS VIRTUAL SCENARIO IS GETTING WAY TOO HOT! I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA–
HUH? IS IT A TRICK TO GET ME TO LET MY GUARD DOWN?
WAITASEC... THE AVATAR'S GONE! AND SO'S EVERYTHING ELSE!


WOOOSH!
OUTTA THE FRYING PAN AND INTO THE FIRE... *LITERALLY!* HOW'D I WIND UP *HERE?!*

WELL—I'LL FIGURE IT OUT LATER! RIGHT NOW I GOTTA *SCRAM!*
DON'T BE SO EASILY FOOLED, AVENGER.
UEEEEE


WE NEVER LEFT CYBERSPACE! YOU AND I ARE *STILL* ON *FLOOR I.I.S.!*
ONE!


WAIT... ARE YOU SAYING *ALL* OF THIS HAS BEEN SOME CRAZY ILLUSION?
YES AND NO... EITHER IT'S *VIRTUAL SCENERY...*
OR IT'S POSSIBLE THAT WE'RE BEING *PROJECTED VIRTUALLY* INTO THE *MATERIAL WORLD!* I CAN'T ESTABLISH WHICH IS WHICH!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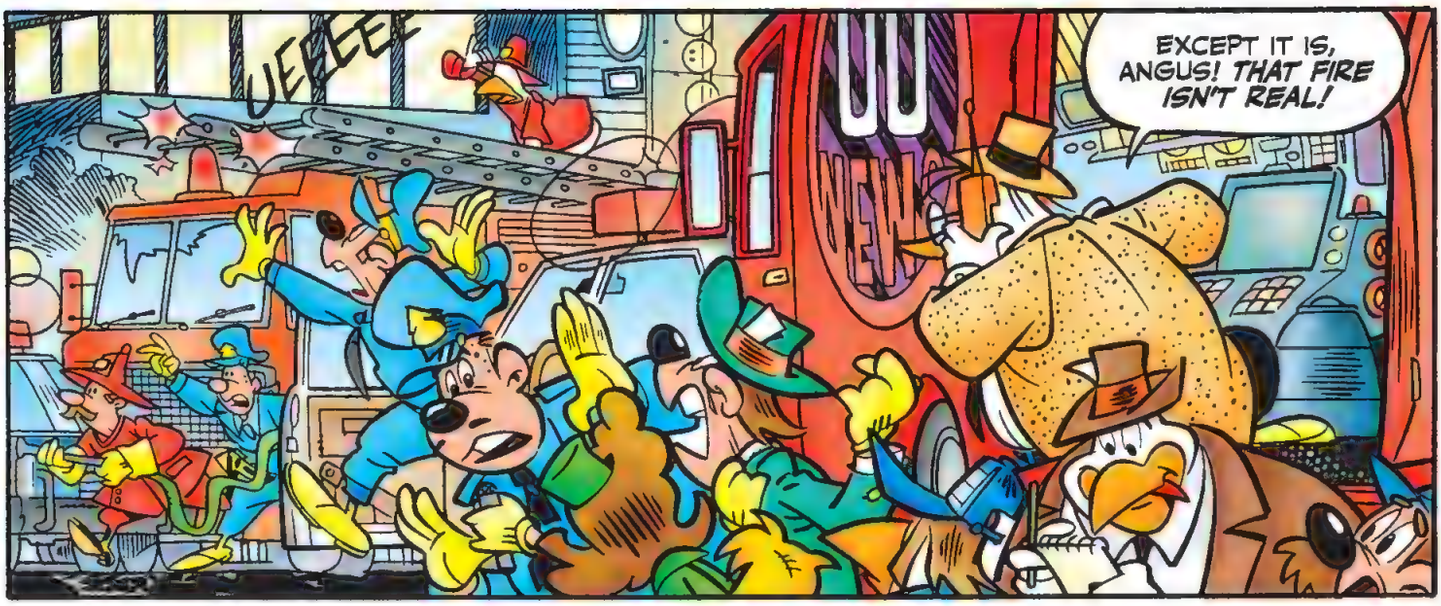
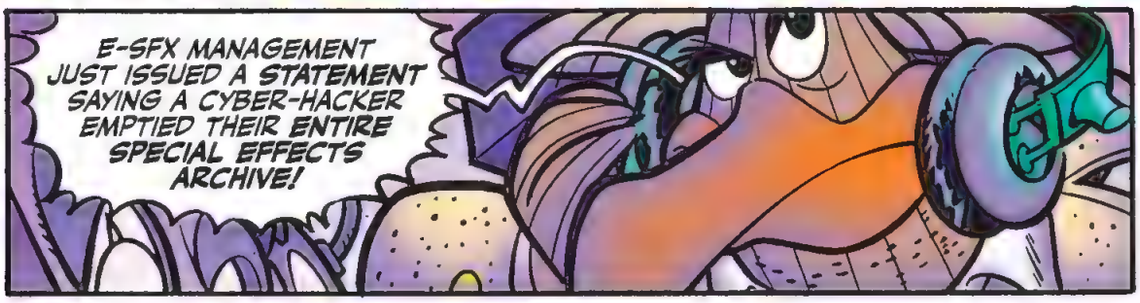
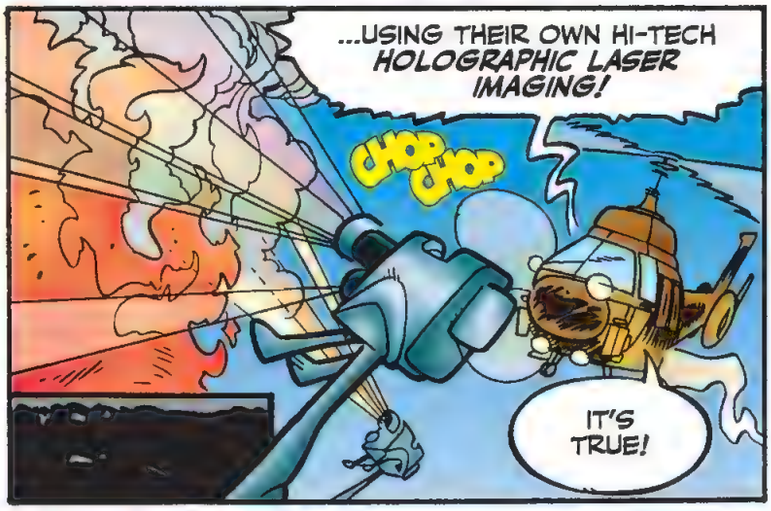
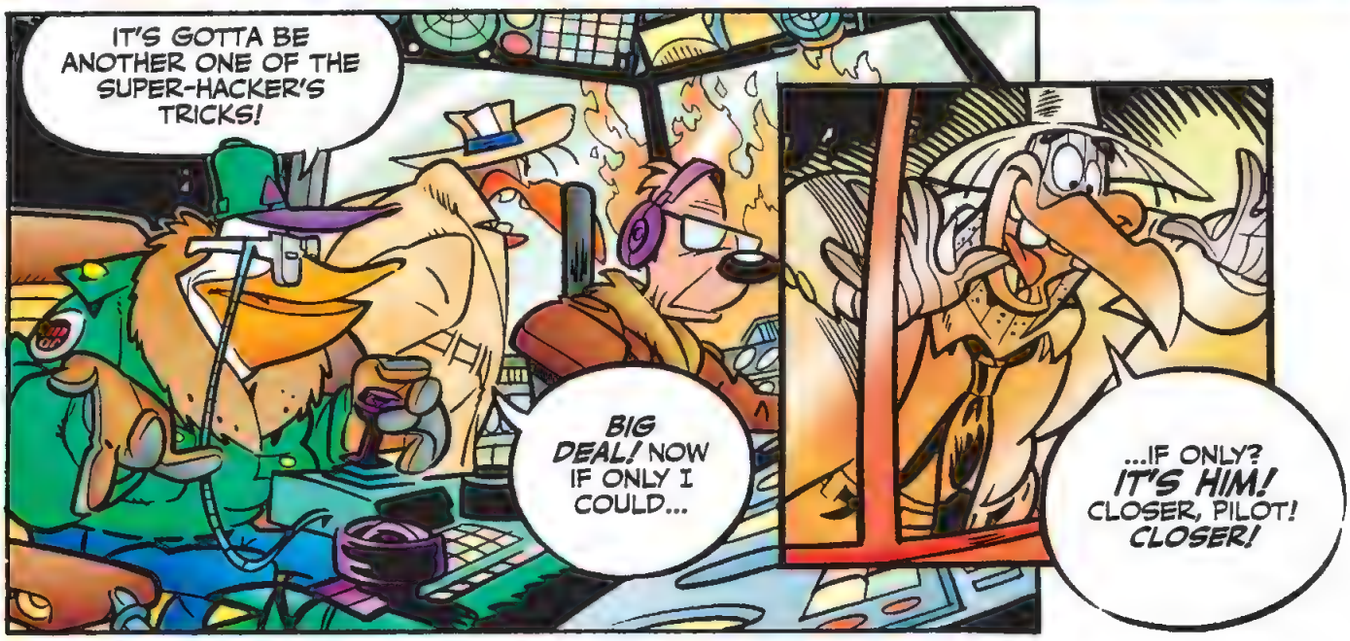

EXCEPT IT IS, ANGUS! THAT FIRE ISN'T REAL!

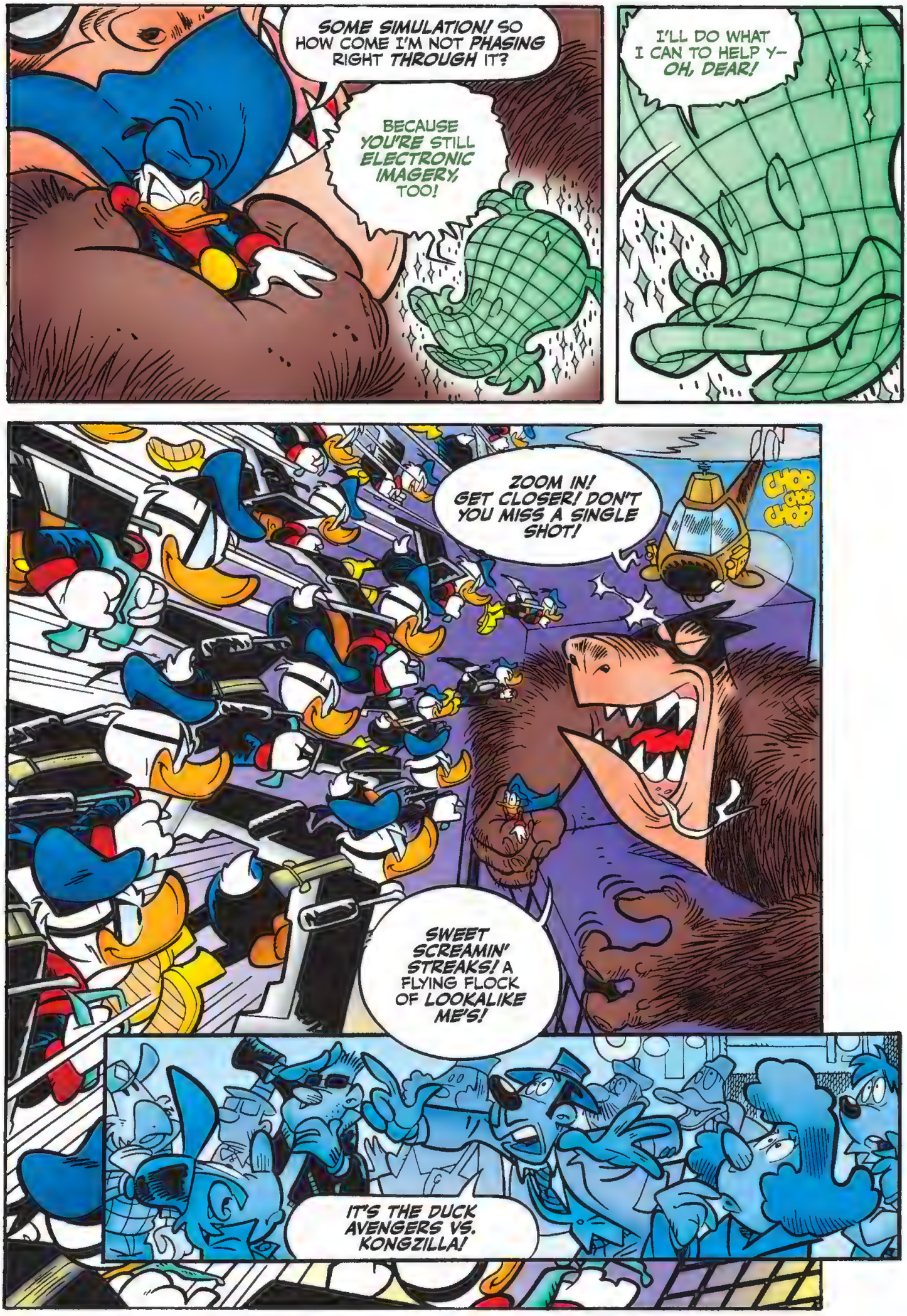

E-SFX MANAGEMENT JUST ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING A CYBER-HACKER EMPTIED THEIR ENTIRE SPECIAL EFFECTS ARCHIVE!

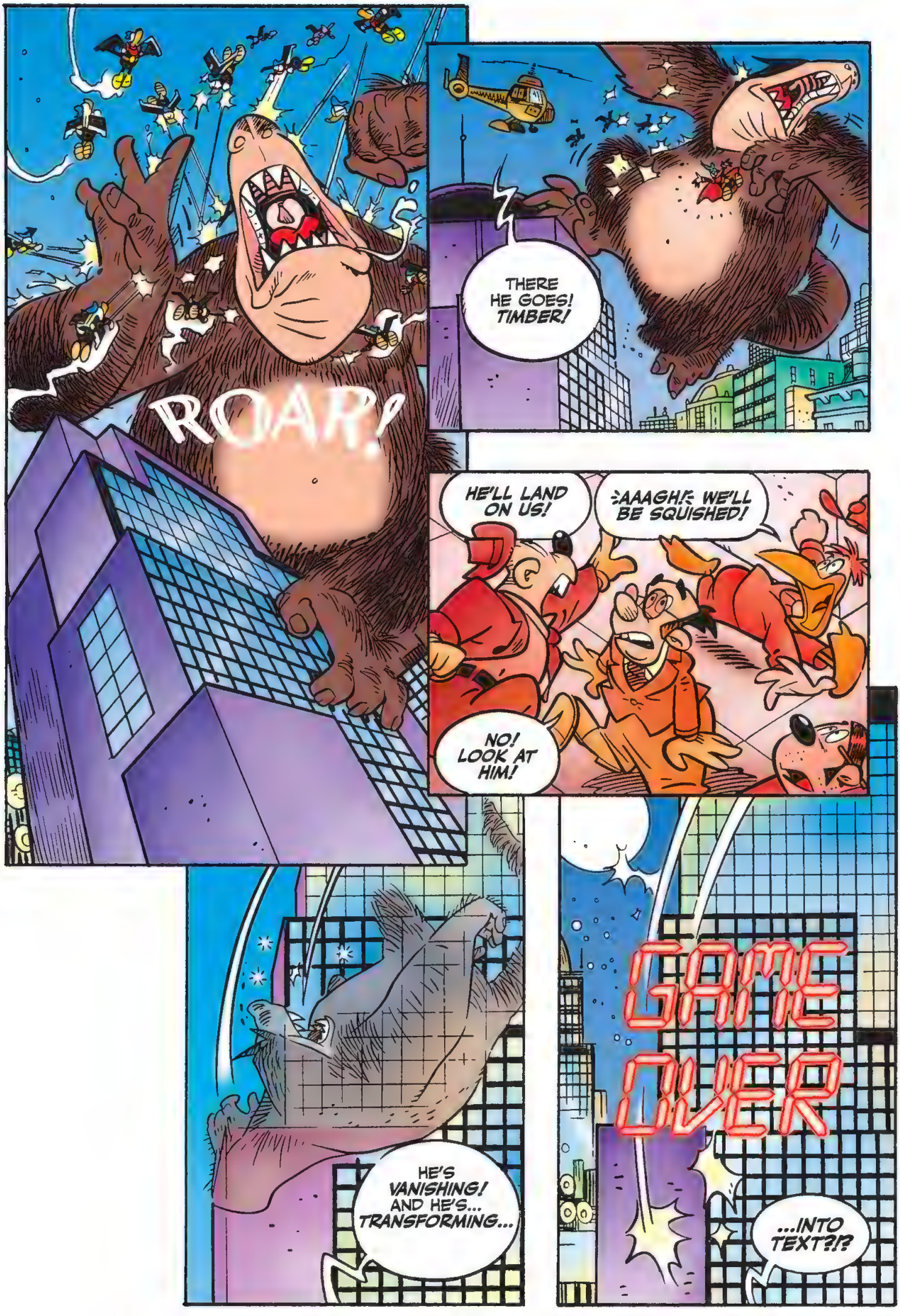
AND THEIR FIRE EFFECT IS BEING PROJECTED ON TOP OF THEIR BUILDING...


...USING THEIR OWN HI-TECH HOLOGRAPHIC LASER IMAGING!
CHOP CHOP
IT'S TRUE!

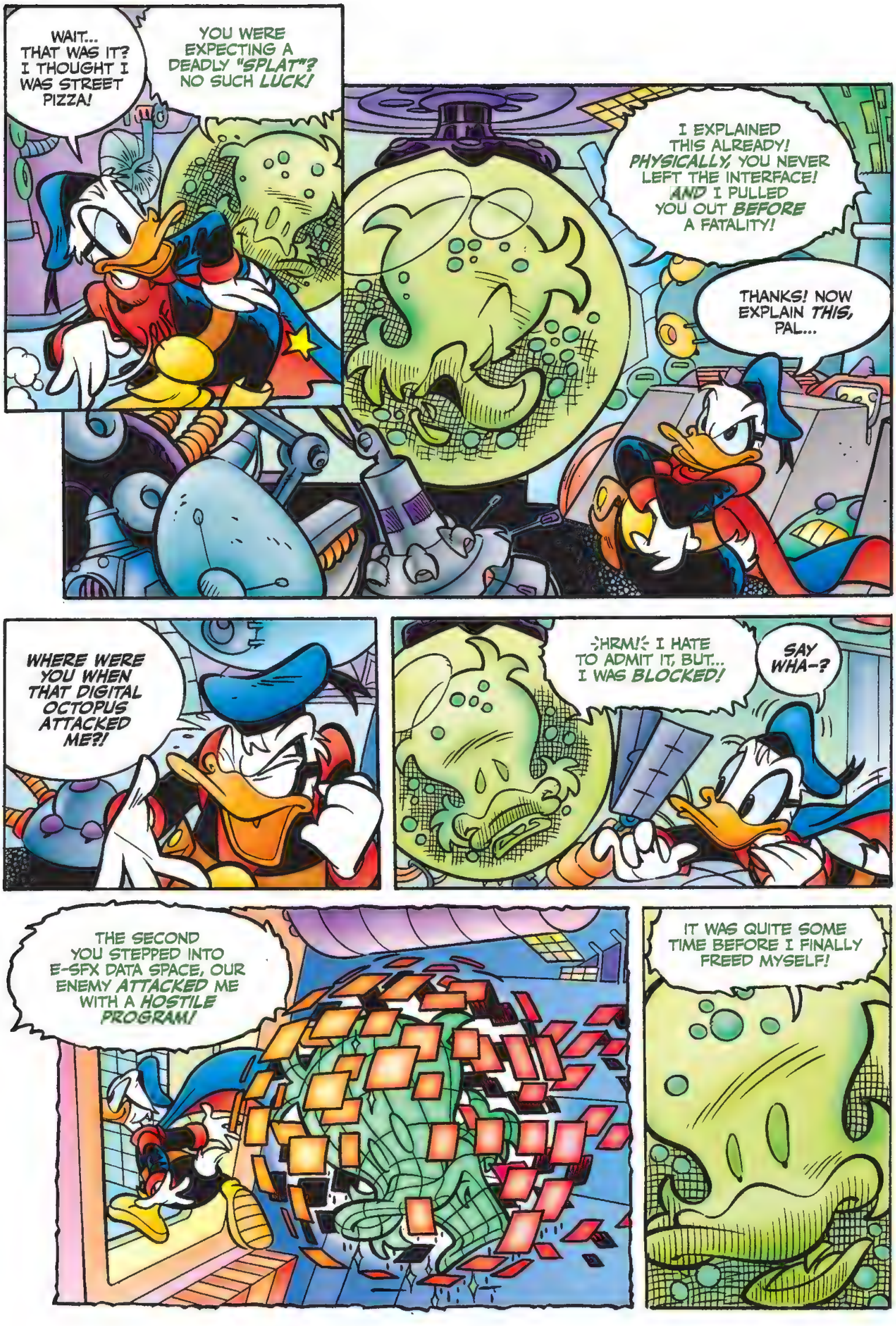

IT'S GOTTA BE ANOTHER ONE OF THE SUPER-HACKER'S TRICKS!
BIG DEAL! NOW IF ONLY I COULD...
...IF ONLY? IT'S HIM! CLOSER, PILOT! CLOSER!

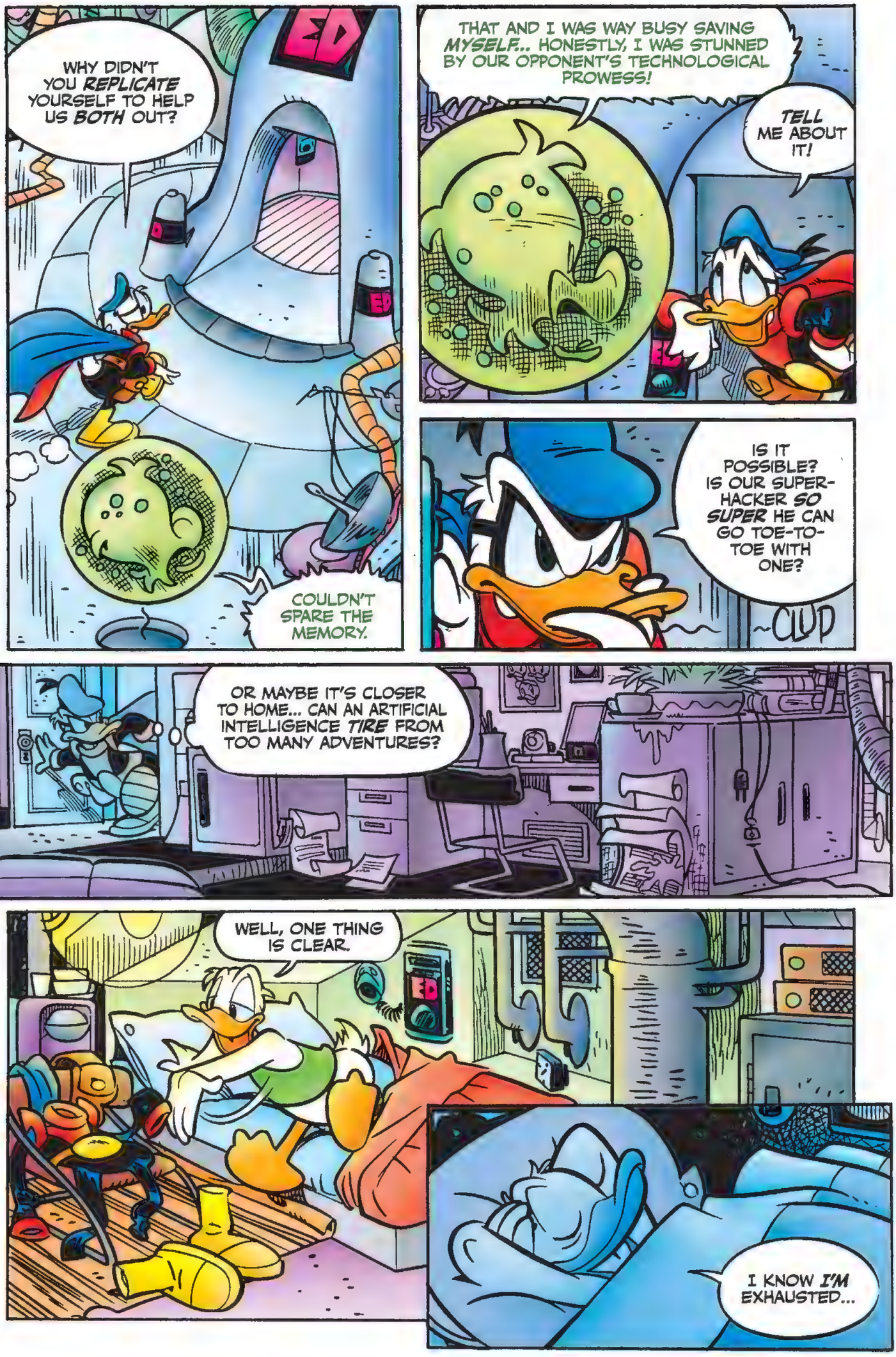
FANTASTIC! YOU'RE MINE, DUCK AVENGER!
HEY, ONE! IS THAT HELICOPTER–
WAK!!
JODI BURR
EVERYONE MAINTAIN CALM! IT'S ONLY A SIMULATION!
COULDA FOOLED ME, MAC! 'CAUSE IT'S WAY TOO CONVINCING!
AAAH!
EEEK!


SOME SIMULATION! SO HOW COME I'M NOT PHASING RIGHT THROUGH IT?
BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL ELECTRONIC IMAGERY, TOO!
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO HELP Y– OH, DEAR!
ZOOM IN! GET CLOSER! DON'T YOU MISS A SINGLE SHOT!
CHOP CHOP CHOP
SWEET SCREAMIN' STREAKS! A FLYING FLOCK OF LOOKALIKE ME'S!
IT'S THE DUCK AVENGERS VS. KONGZILLA!


ROAR!
THERE HE GOES! TIMBER!
HE'LL LAND ON US!
AAAGH!: WE'LL BE SQUISHED!
NO! LOOK AT HIM!
HE'S VANISHING! AND HE'S... TRANSFORMING...
GAME OVER
...INTO TEXT?!?

AND SO...
TVD
CLEAR THE AREA AND GO HOME! THE SPECTACLE'S OVER!
I HEARD IT WAS A PROMOTIONAL STUNT FOR THE SHIN-KONGZILLA REBOOT!
THIS. HAS BEEN. THE SINGLE GREATEST EVENING. OF MY ENTIRE. LIFE.
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW THEIR COMPETITORS WILL TOP THIS!
I WANT TO PIN STUFF ON DUCK AVENGER... I WISH FOR HIM TO SHOW UP...
...AND I GET A WHOLE SQUADRON OF HIM!
NOW I CAN PROVE THE CYBERVILLAIN AND THAT MASKED MAGGOT ARE THE SAME PERSON! KIWIHEEHEEHAHA!!!
CHOPCHOPCHOP
AND WHAT OF DUCK AVENGER? LET'S TURN THE CLOCK BACK SEVERAL MINUTES...
HAAALP!!
YOWCH!
BONK


WAIT... THAT WAS IT? I THOUGHT I WAS STREET PIZZA!
YOU WERE EXPECTING A DEADLY "SPLAT"? NO SUCH LUCK!
I EXPLAINED THIS ALREADY! PHYSICALLY, YOU NEVER LEFT THE INTERFACE! AND I PULLED YOU OUT BEFORE A FATALITY!
THANKS! NOW EXPLAIN THIS, PAL...
WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THAT DIGITAL OCTOPUS ATTACKED ME?!
:HRM!: I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT... I WAS BLOCKED!
SAY WHA-?
THE SECOND YOU STEPPED INTO E-SFX DATA SPACE, OUR ENEMY ATTACKED ME WITH A HOSTILE PROGRAM!
IT WAS QUITE SOME TIME BEFORE I FINALLY FREED MYSELF!


WHY DIDN'T YOU *REPLICATE* YOURSELF TO HELP US *BOTH* OUT?
COULDN'T SPARE THE MEMORY.
THAT AND I WAS WAY BUSY SAVING *MYSELF*... HONESTLY, I WAS STUNNED BY OUR OPPONENT'S TECHNOLOGICAL PROWESS!
TELL ME ABOUT IT!
IS IT POSSIBLE? IS OUR SUPER-HACKER *SO SUPER* HE CAN GO TOE-TO-TOE WITH ONE?
~CLUP
OR MAYBE IT'S CLOSER TO HOME... CAN AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE *TIRE* FROM TOO MANY ADVENTURES?
WELL, ONE THING IS CLEAR.
I KNOW *I'M* EXHAUSTED...

NEXT DAY AT DUCKBURG-MOUSETON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT!
TCHOOOWWWW
SEE THAT DUDE IN THE CLOAK?
YEAH...
I THOUGHT HE WAS A FOREIGNER, SO I GOT NOSY AND ASKED HIM FOR HIS PASSPORT.
TURNS OUT HE'S FROM DUCKBURG!
I WONDER HOW LONG HE'S BEEN ABROAD?
AW, C'MON! OF ALL THE BAD LUCK!
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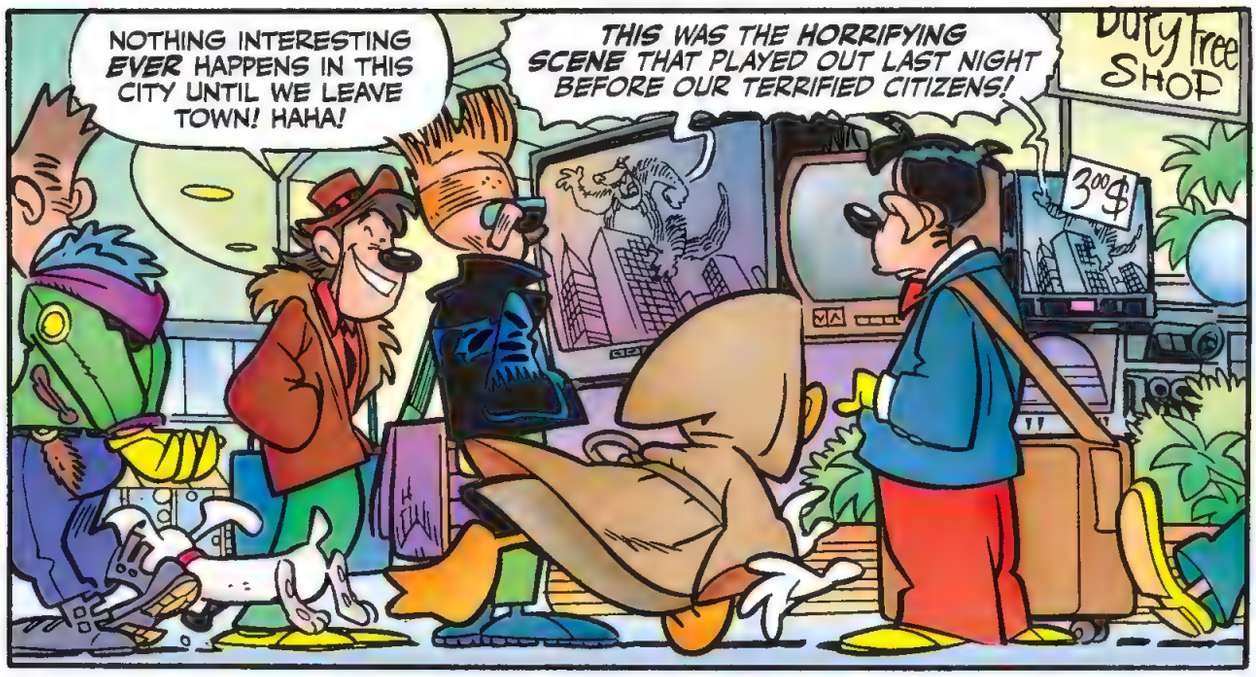
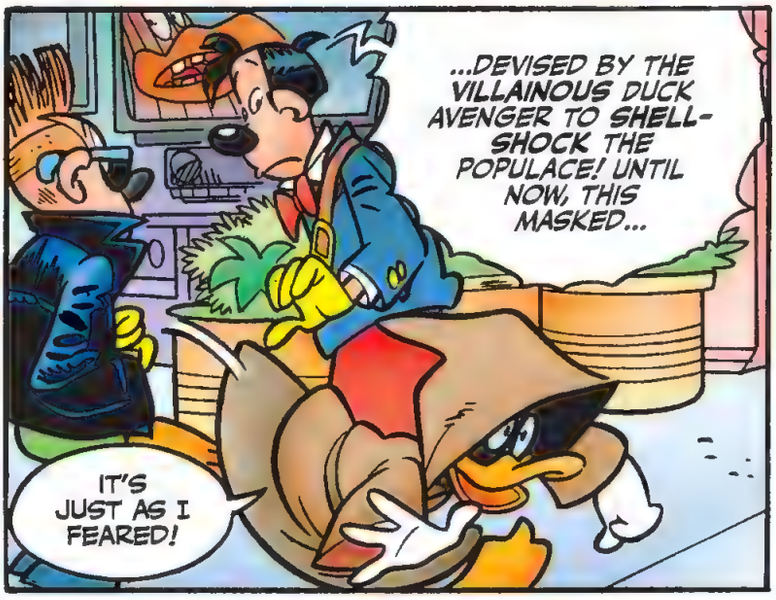
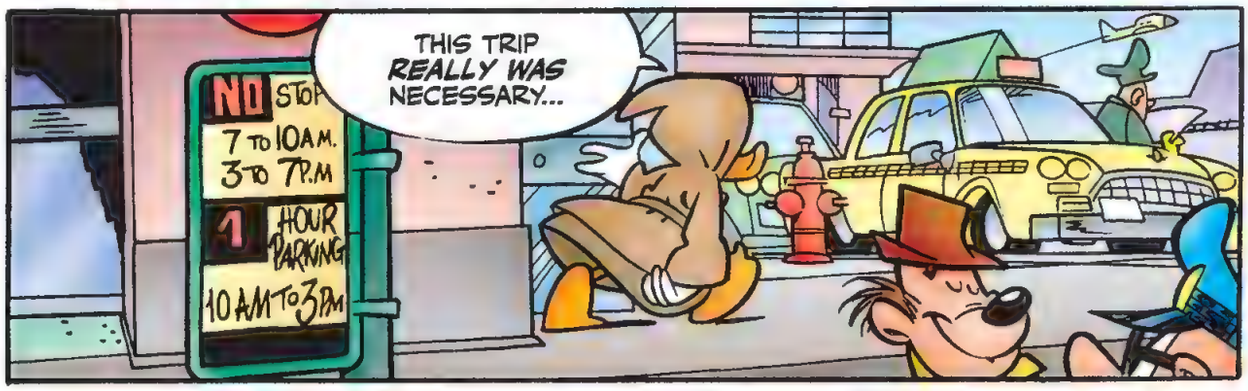
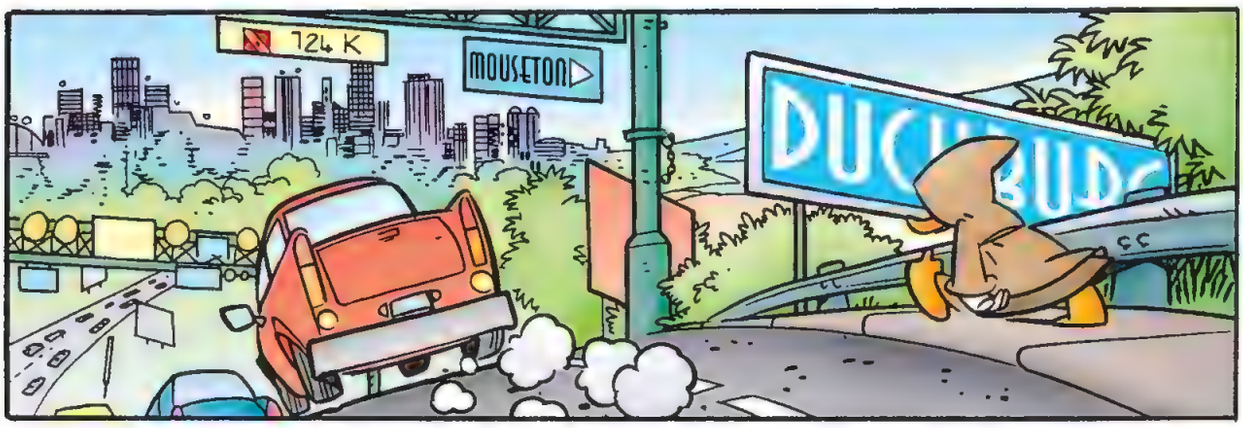

NOTHING INTERESTING EVER HAPPENS IN THIS CITY UNTIL WE LEAVE TOWN! HAHA!
THIS WAS THE HORRIFYING SCENE THAT PLAYED OUT LAST NIGHT BEFORE OUR TERRIFIED CITIZENS!
Duty Free SHOP
300$

FORTUNATELY, WE WERE NEVER IN ANY REAL DANGER! TURNS OUT THIS WAS JUST ANOTHER PATHETIC PLOY...


...DEVISED BY THE VILLAINOUS DUCK AVENGER TO SHELL-SHOCK THE POPULACE! UNTIL NOW, THIS MASKED...
IT'S JUST AS I FEARED!


THIS TRIP REALLY WAS NECESSARY...
NO STOP
7 TO 10 A.M.
3 TO 7 P.M
1 HOUR PARKING
10 A.M TO 3 P.M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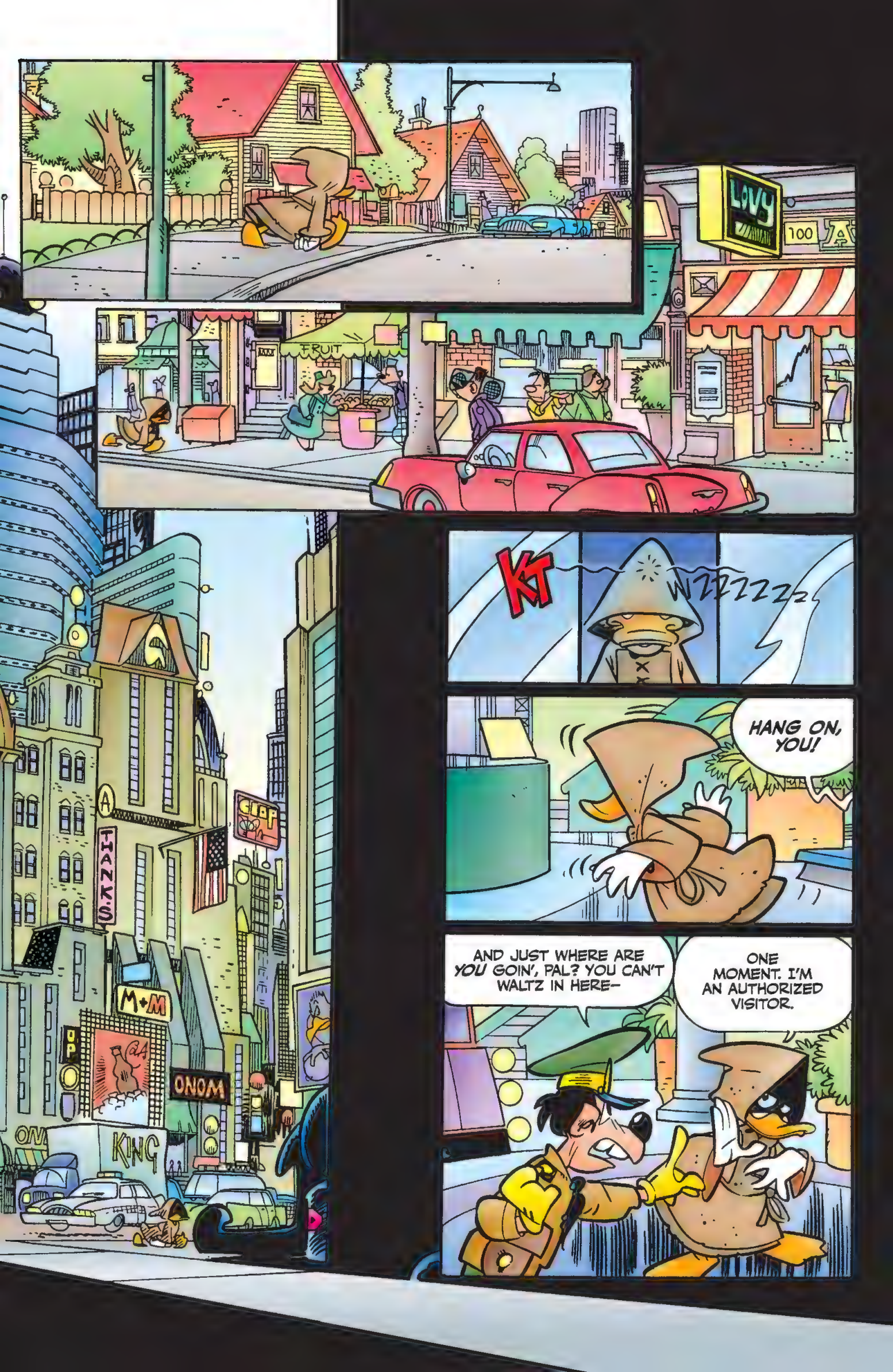
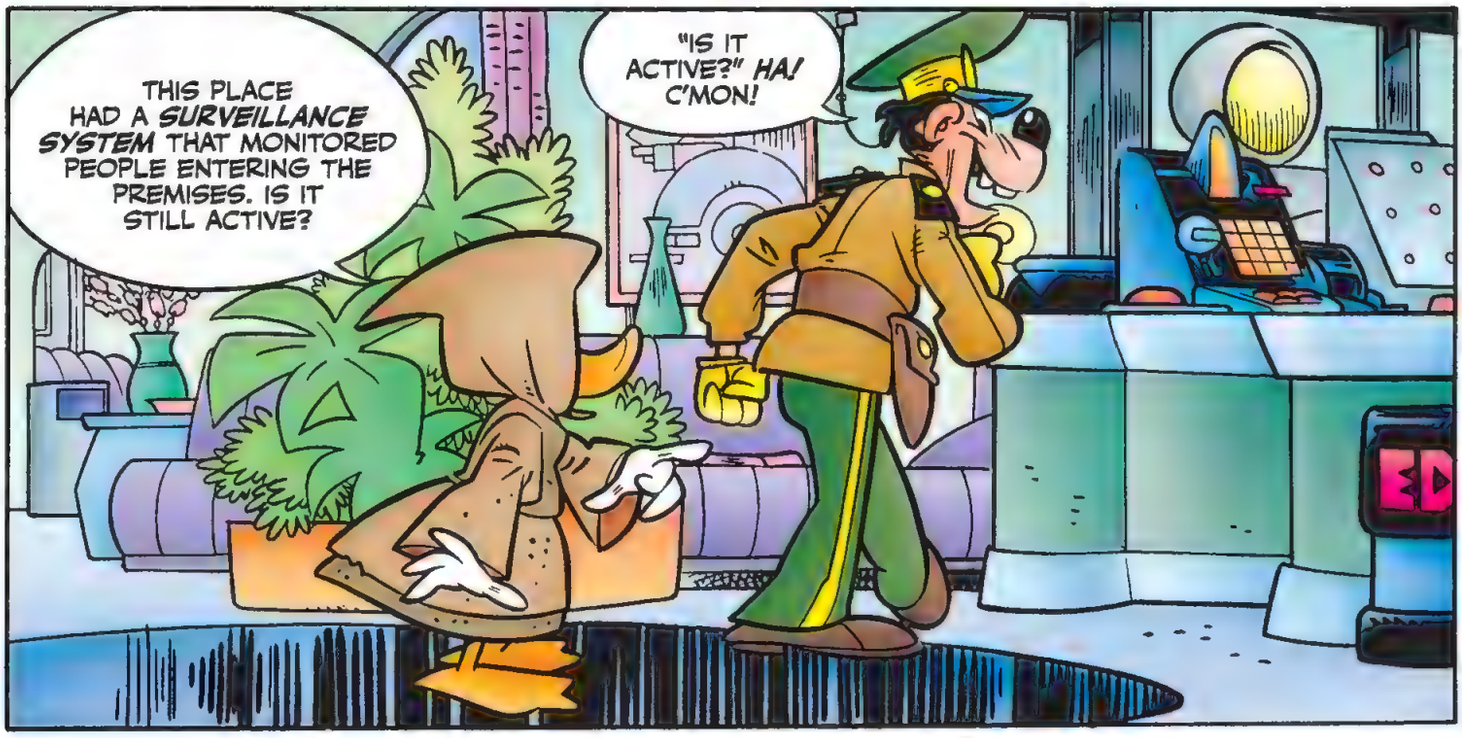
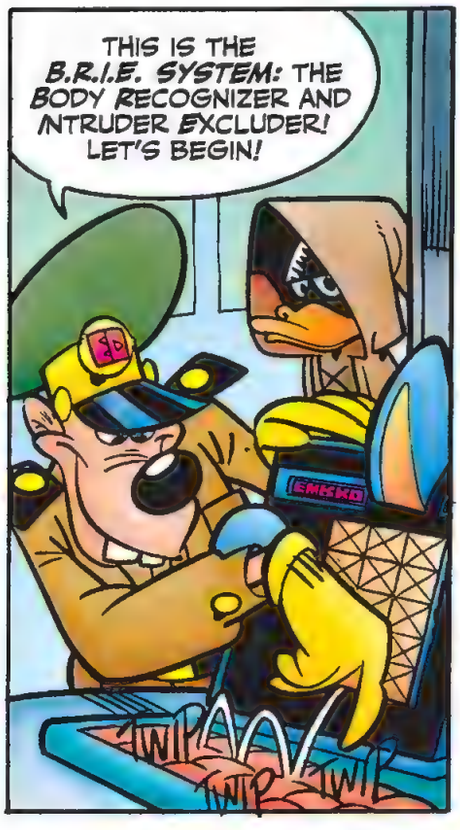
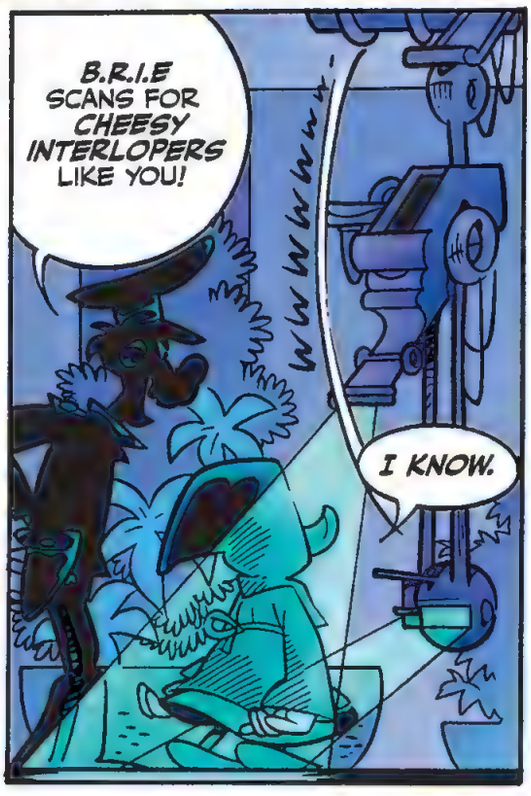

LOVE
100
FRUIT
THANKS
M+M
ONOM
KNG
KT
WZZZZZZ
HANG ON, YOU!
AND JUST WHERE ARE YOU GOIN', PAL? YOU CAN'T WALTZ IN HERE–
ONE MOMENT. I'M AN AUTHORIZED VISITOR.

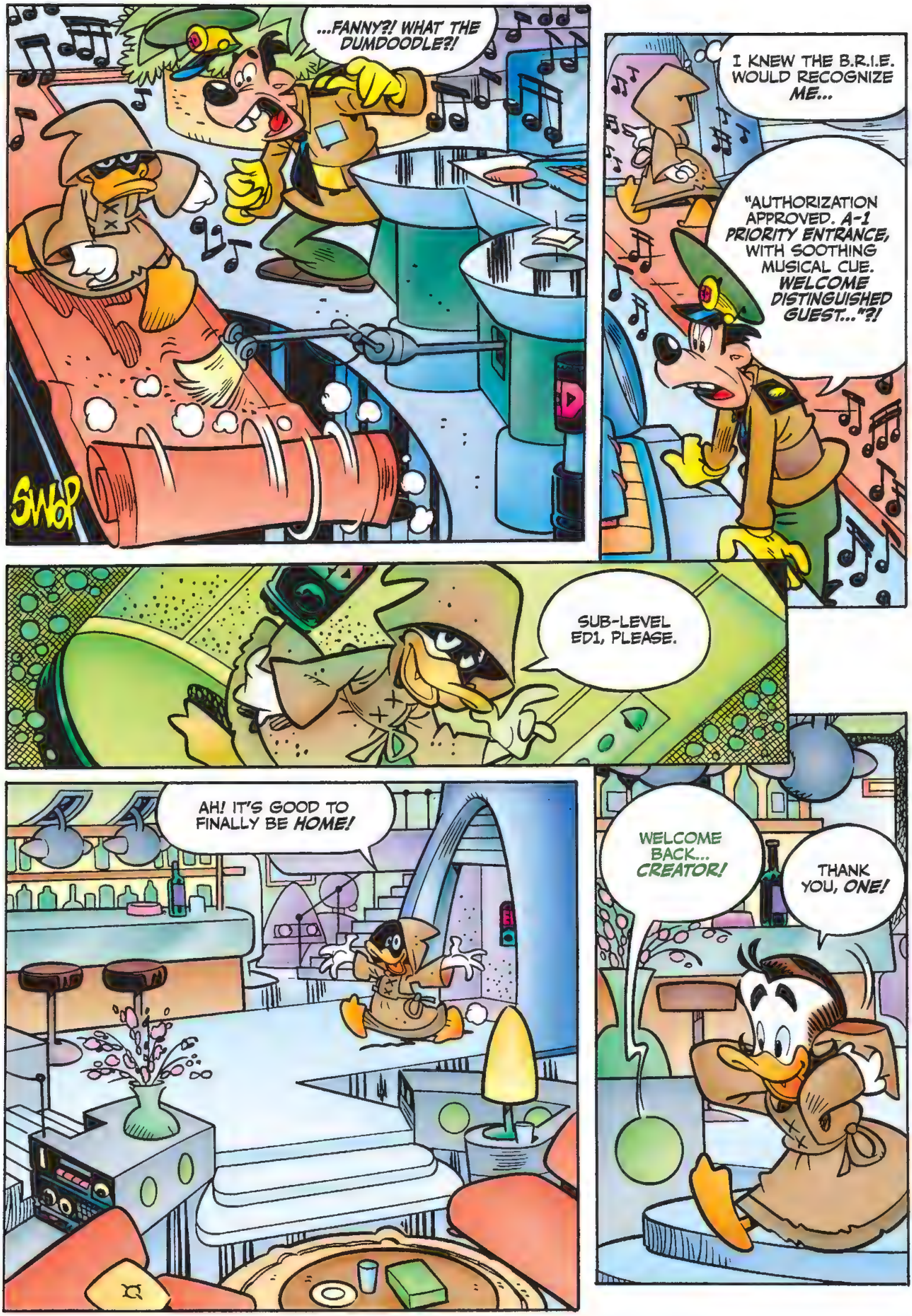
ALTHOUGH... IT'S BEEN A *LONG* TIME SINCE MY LAST VISIT. I CAN SEE A LOT HAS CHANGED...

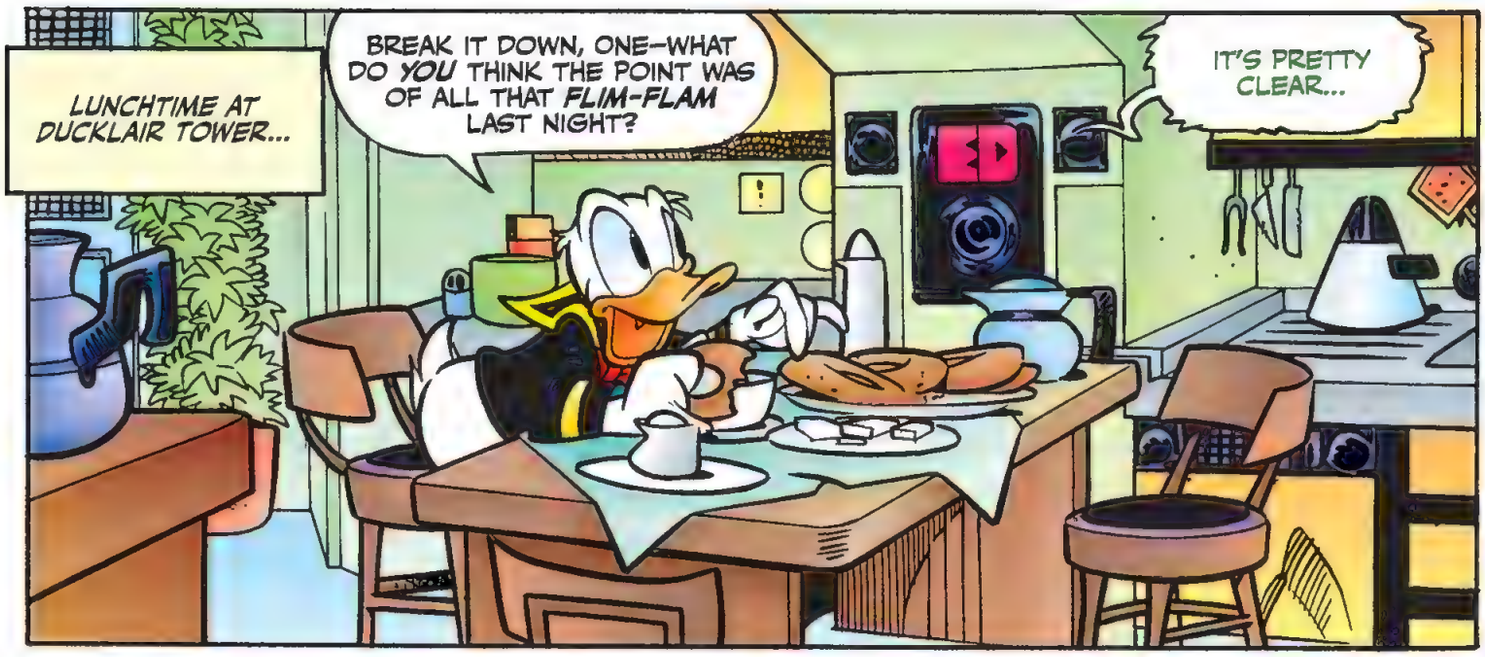

THIS PLACE HAD A *SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM* THAT MONITORED PEOPLE ENTERING THE PREMISES. IS IT STILL ACTIVE?
"IS IT ACTIVE?" *HA!* C'MON!

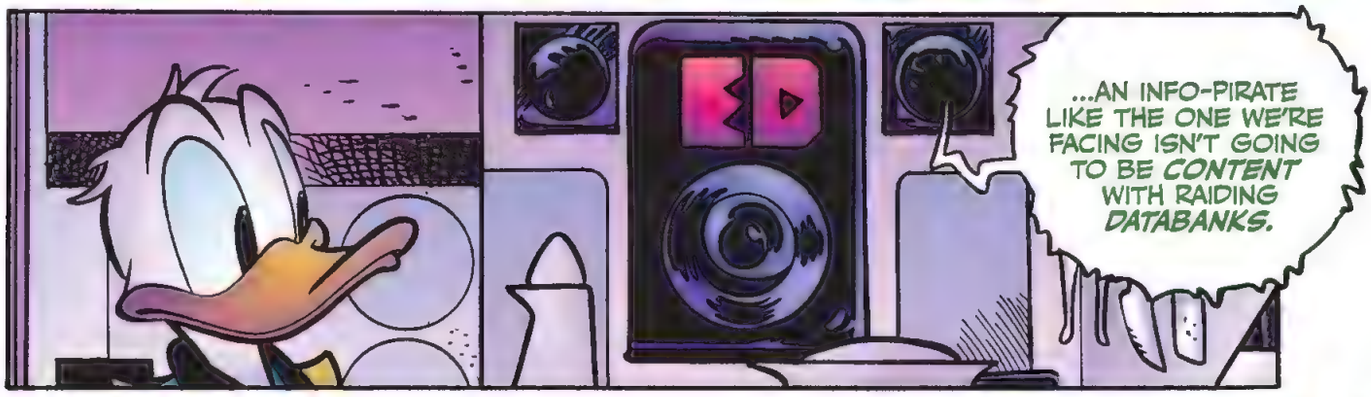

THIS IS THE *B.R.I.E. SYSTEM:* THE *B*ODY *R*ECOGNIZER AND *I*NTRUDER *E*XCLUDER! LET'S BEGIN!

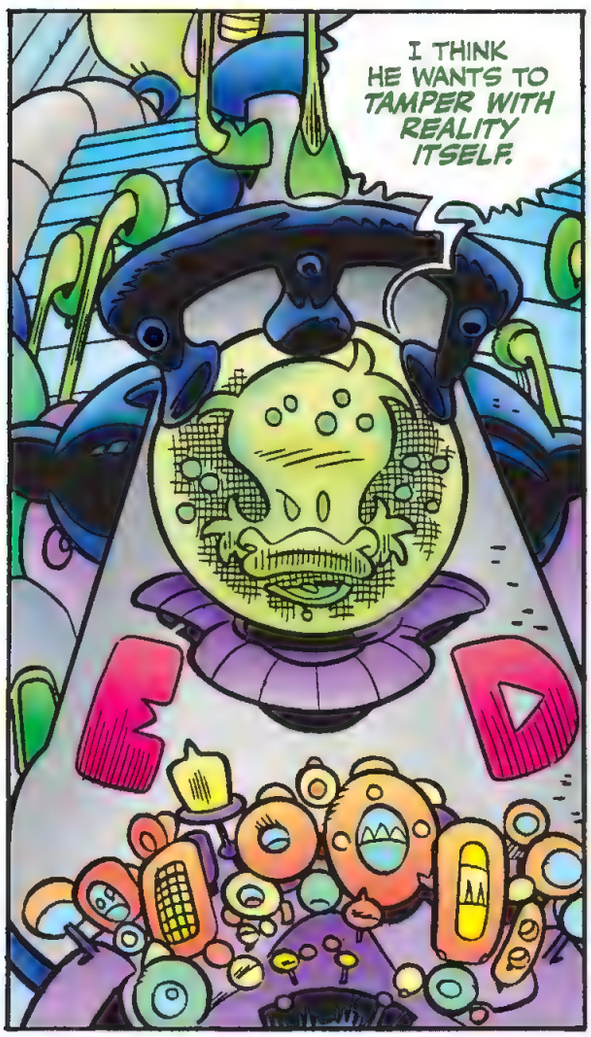

B.R.I.E SCANS FOR *CHEESY INTERLOPERS* LIKE YOU!
I KNOW.

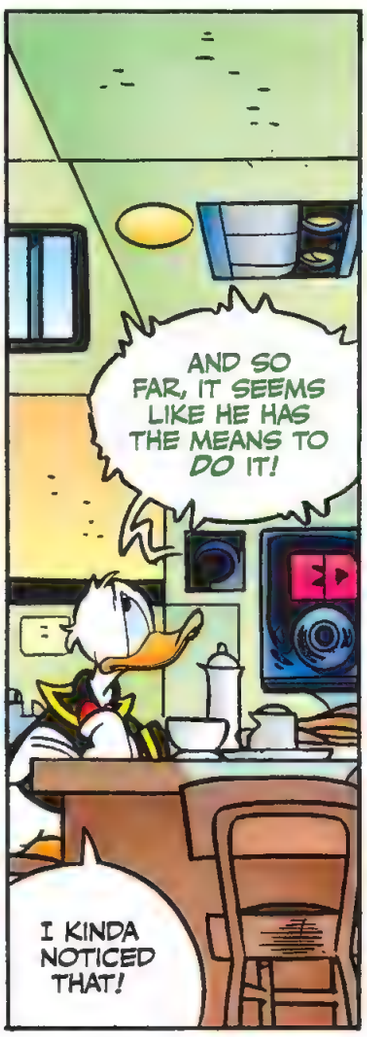
NOW, HEADS-UP! THE *AUTO-EJECTOR'S* PRIMED TO *PUNT* YOU OUT ON YOUR...


...FANNY?! WHAT THE DUMDOODLE?!
SWOP
I KNEW THE B.R.I.E. WOULD RECOGNIZE ME...
"AUTHORIZATION APPROVED. A-1 PRIORITY ENTRANCE, WITH SOOTHING MUSICAL CUE. WELCOME DISTINGUISHED GUEST..."?!
SUB-LEVEL ED1, PLEASE.
AH! IT'S GOOD TO FINALLY BE HOME!
WELCOME BACK... CREATOR!
THANK YOU, ONE!

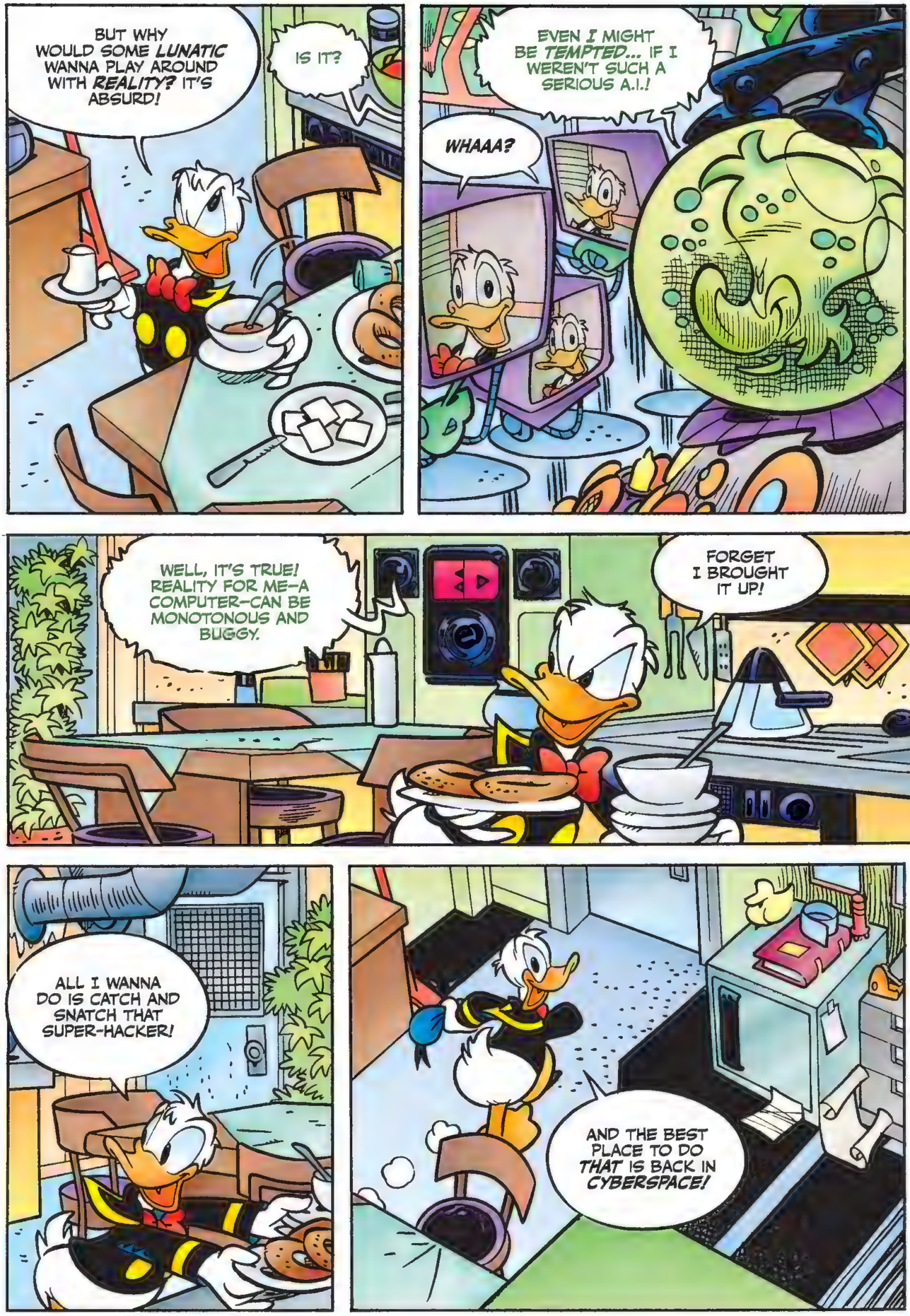

LUNCHTIME AT DUCKLAIR TOWER...
BREAK IT DOWN, ONE—WHAT DO *YOU* THINK THE POINT WAS OF ALL THAT *FLIM-FLAM* LAST NIGHT?
IT'S PRETTY CLEAR...

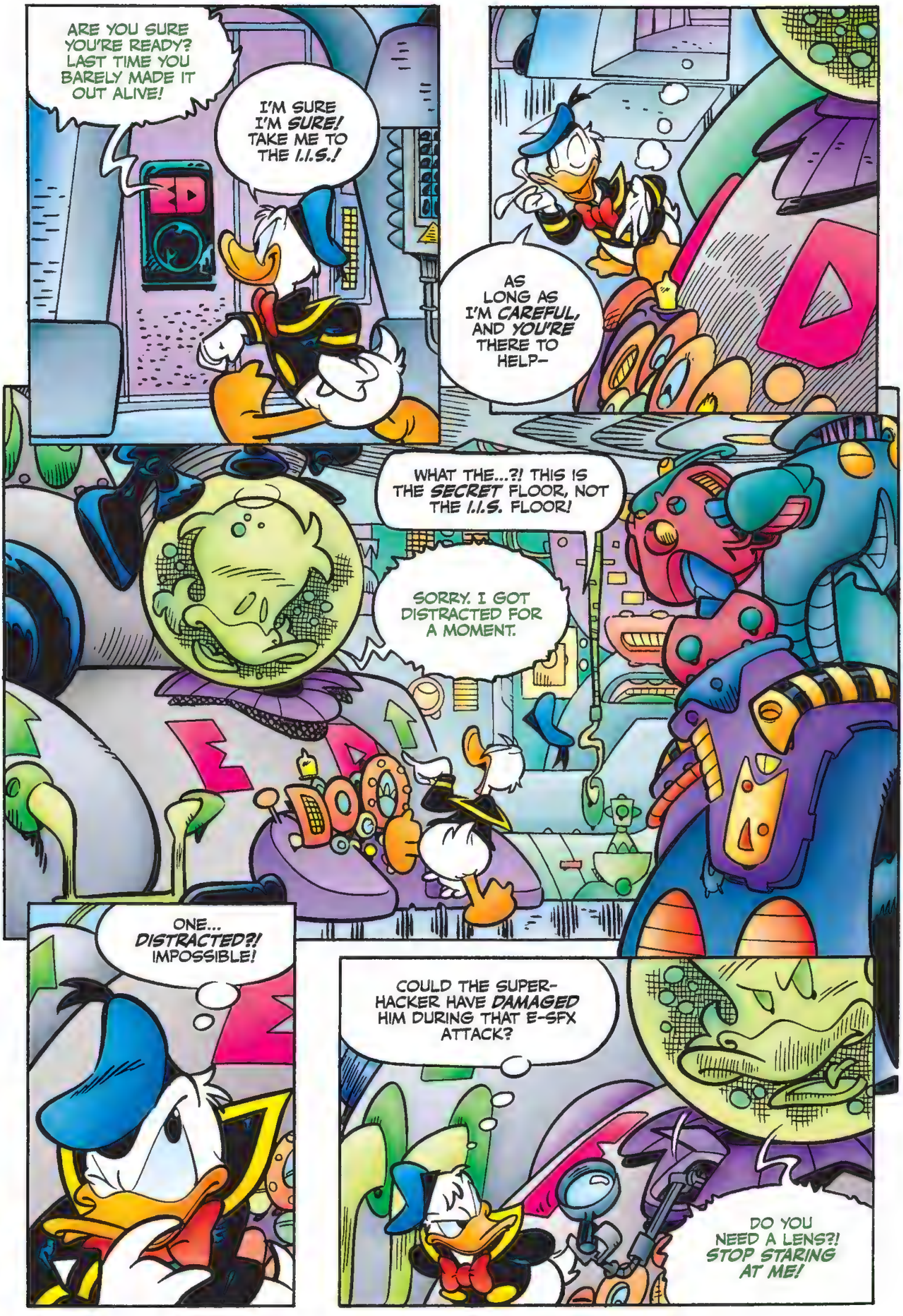

...AN INFO-PIRATE LIKE THE ONE WE'RE FACING ISN'T GOING TO BE *CONTENT* WITH RAIDING *DATABANKS.*

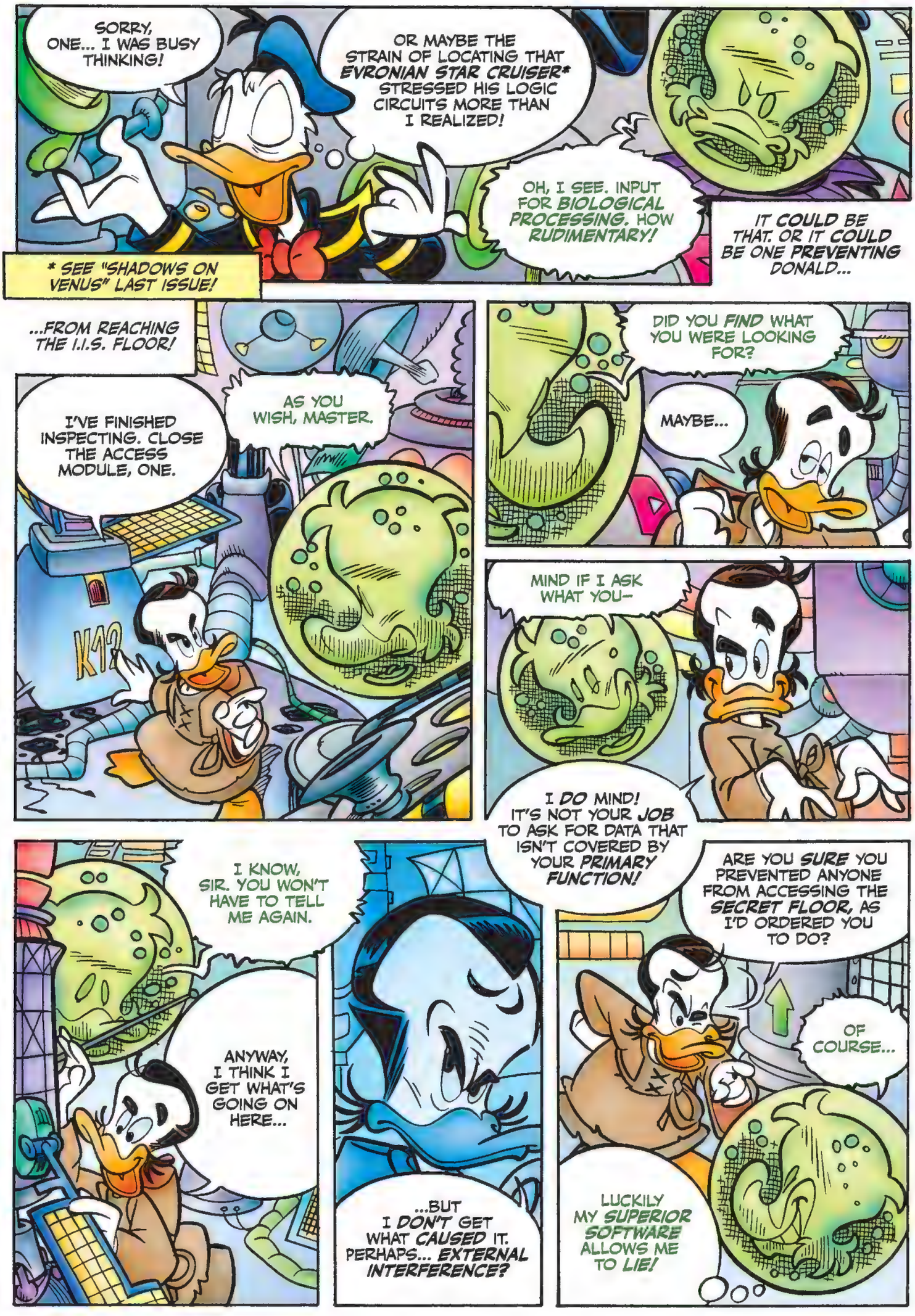

I THINK HE WANTS TO *TAMPER WITH REALITY ITSELF.*

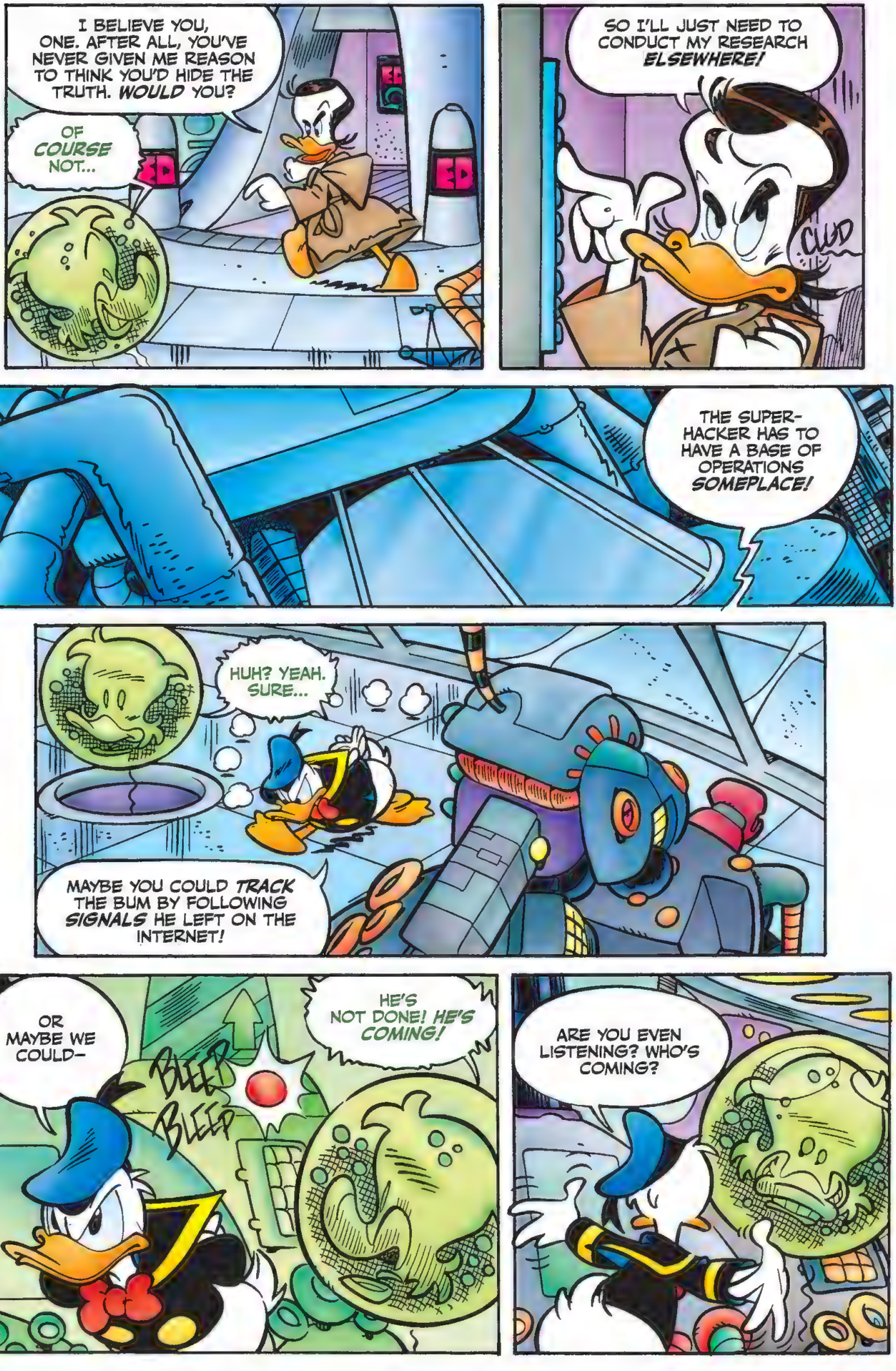

AND SO FAR, IT SEEMS LIKE HE HAS THE MEANS TO *DO* IT!
I KINDA NOTICED THAT!

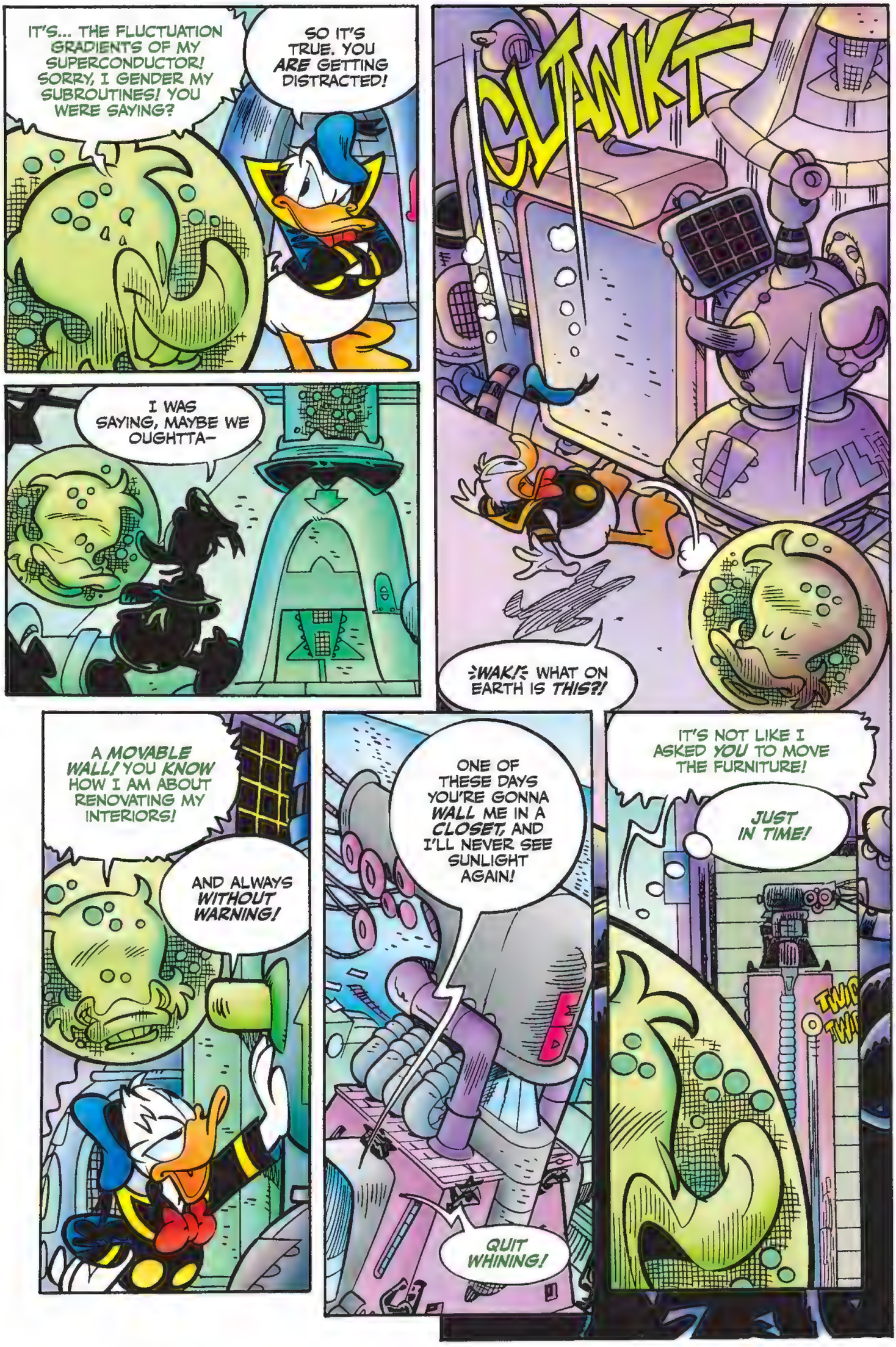
I'VE ELABORATELY CALCULATED THE PROBABILITY OF ANOTHER ATTACK. *HE'S JUST GETTING STARTED.*

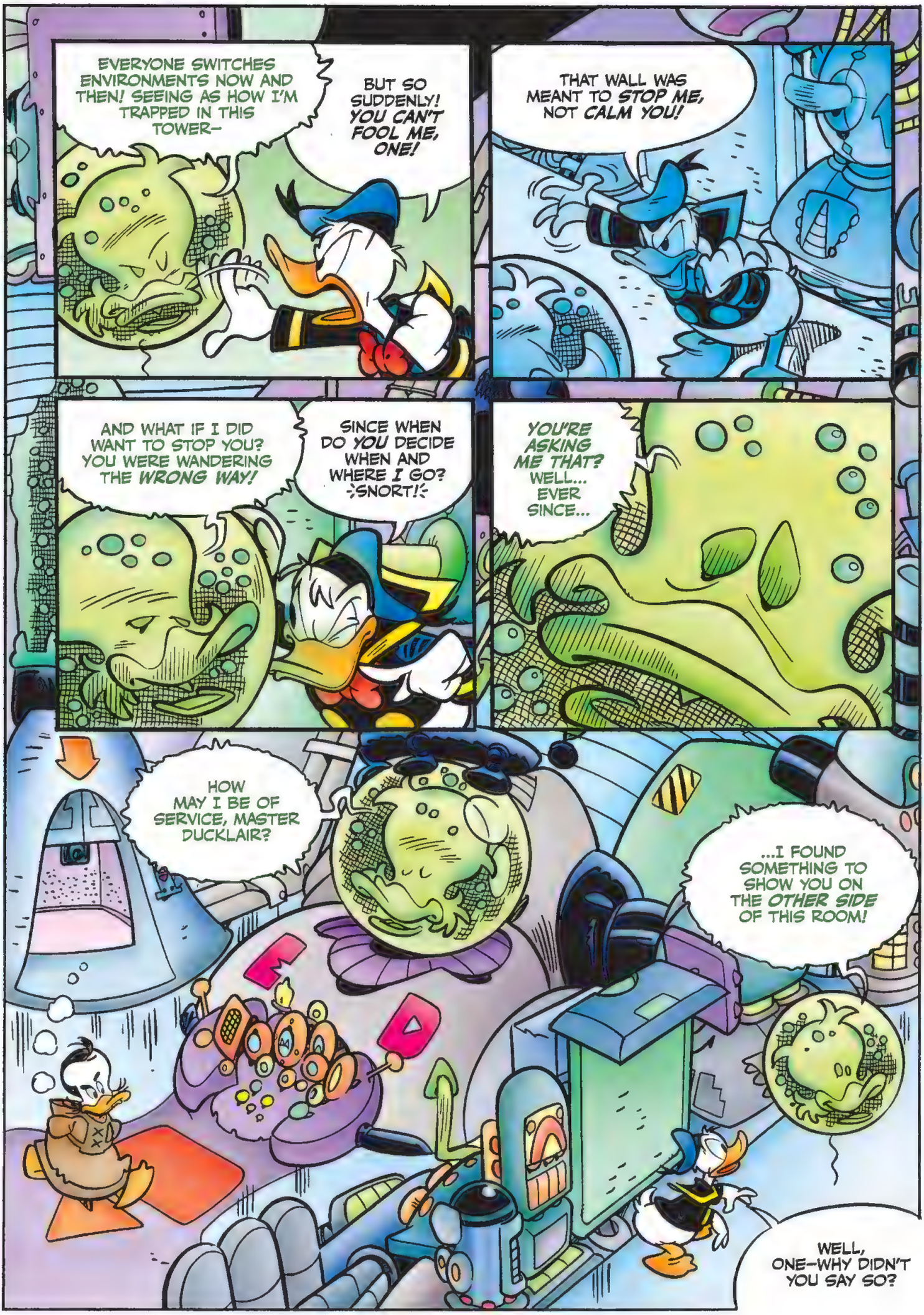

BUT WHY WOULD SOME *LUNATIC* WANNA PLAY AROUND WITH *REALITY?* IT'S ABSURD!
IS IT?
EVEN *I* MIGHT BE *TEMPTED...* IF I WEREN'T SUCH A SERIOUS A.I.!
WHAAA?
WELL, IT'S TRUE! REALITY FOR ME–A COMPUTER–CAN BE MONOTONOUS AND BUGGY.
FORGET I BROUGHT IT UP!
ALL I WANNA DO IS CATCH AND SNATCH THAT SUPER-HACKER!
AND THE BEST PLACE TO DO *THAT* IS BACK IN *CYBERSPACE!*


ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE READY? LAST TIME YOU BARELY MADE IT OUT ALIVE!
I'M SURE I'M *SURE!* TAKE ME TO THE *I.I.S.!*
AS LONG AS I'M *CAREFUL,* AND *YOU'RE* THERE TO HELP–
WHAT THE...?! THIS IS THE *SECRET* FLOOR, NOT THE *I.I.S.* FLOOR!
SORRY. I GOT DISTRACTED FOR A MOMENT.
ONE... *DISTRACTED?!* IMPOSSIBLE!
COULD THE SUPER-HACKER HAVE *DAMAGED* HIM DURING THAT E-SFX ATTACK?
DO YOU NEED A LENS?! *STOP STARING AT ME!*

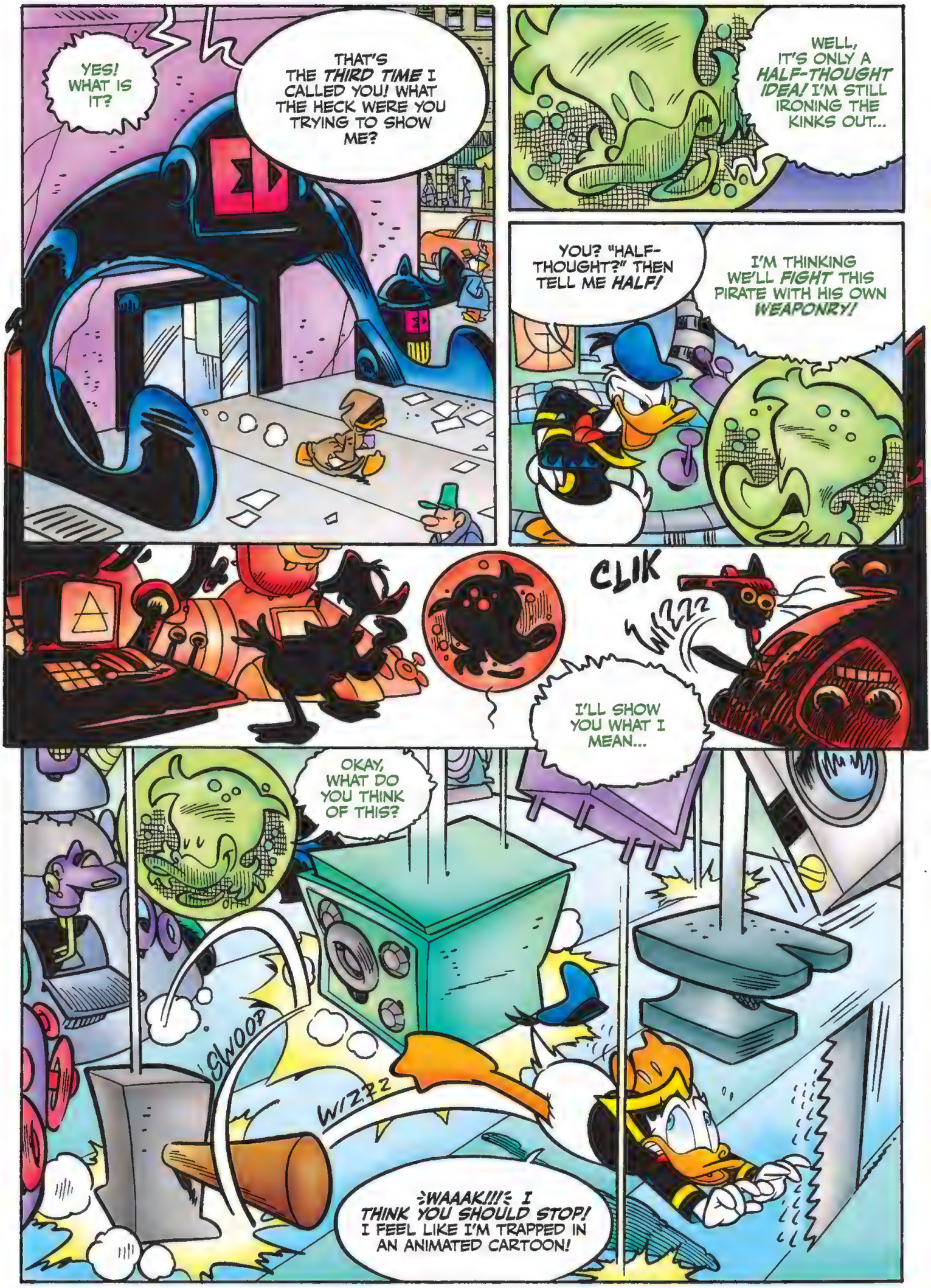

SORRY, ONE... I WAS BUSY THINKING!
OR MAYBE THE STRAIN OF LOCATING THAT EVRONIAN STAR CRUISER* STRESSED HIS LOGIC CIRCUITS MORE THAN I REALIZED!
OH, I SEE. INPUT FOR BIOLOGICAL PROCESSING. HOW RUDIMENTARY!
IT COULD BE THAT. OR IT COULD BE ONE PREVENTING DONALD...
* SEE "SHADOWS ON VENUS" LAST ISSUE!
...FROM REACHING THE I.I.S. FLOOR!
I'VE FINISHED INSPECTING. CLOSE THE ACCESS MODULE, ONE.
AS YOU WISH, MASTER.
K12
DID YOU FIND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?
MAYBE...
MIND IF I ASK WHAT YOU–
I DO MIND! IT'S NOT YOUR JOB TO ASK FOR DATA THAT ISN'T COVERED BY YOUR PRIMARY FUNCTION!
I KNOW, SIR. YOU WON'T HAVE TO TELL ME AGAIN.
ANYWAY, I THINK I GET WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...
...BUT I DON'T GET WHAT CAUSED IT. PERHAPS... EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE?
ARE YOU SURE YOU PREVENTED ANYONE FROM ACCESSING THE SECRET FLOOR, AS I'D ORDERED YOU TO DO?
OF COURSE...
LUCKILY MY SUPERIOR SOFTWARE ALLOWS ME TO LIE!

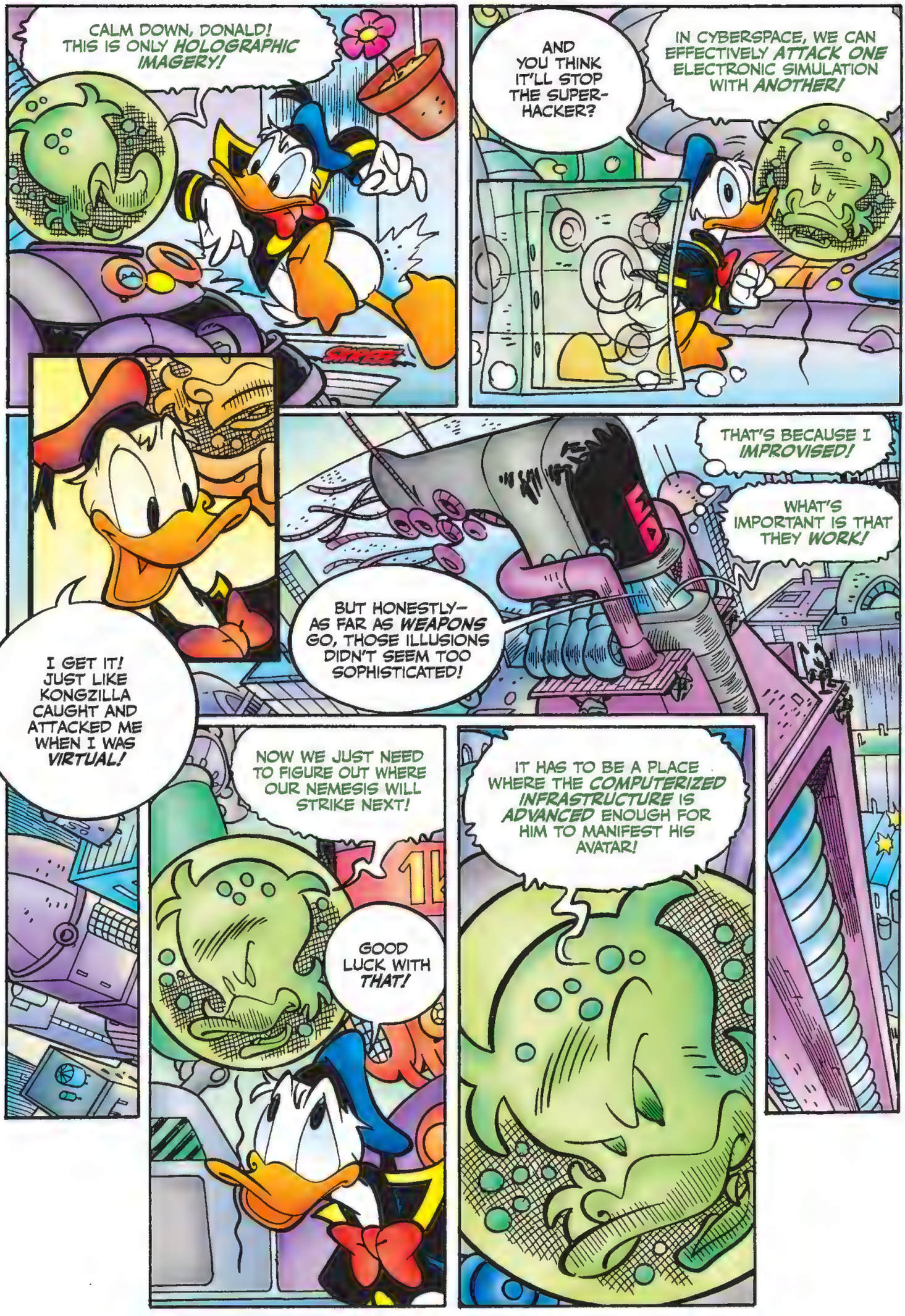

I BELIEVE YOU, ONE. AFTER ALL, YOU'VE NEVER GIVEN ME REASON TO THINK YOU'D HIDE THE TRUTH. WOULD YOU?
OF COURSE NOT...
SO I'LL JUST NEED TO CONDUCT MY RESEARCH ELSEWHERE!
CLUD
THE SUPER-HACKER HAS TO HAVE A BASE OF OPERATIONS SOMEPLACE!
HUH? YEAH. SURE...
MAYBE YOU COULD TRACK THE BUM BY FOLLOWING SIGNALS HE LEFT ON THE INTERNET!
OR MAYBE WE COULD–
BEEP BEEP
HE'S NOT DONE! HE'S COMING!
ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING? WHO'S COMING?


IT'S... THE FLUCTUATION GRADIENTS OF MY SUPERCONDUCTOR! SORRY, I GENDER MY SUBROUTINES! YOU WERE SAYING?
SO IT'S TRUE. YOU ARE GETTING DISTRACTED!
I WAS SAYING, MAYBE WE OUGHTTA–
CLANK!
:WAK!: WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS?!
A MOVABLE WALL! YOU KNOW HOW I AM ABOUT RENOVATING MY INTERIORS!
AND ALWAYS WITHOUT WARNING!
ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU'RE GONNA WALL ME IN A CLOSET, AND I'LL NEVER SEE SUNLIGHT AGAIN!
QUIT WHINING!
IT'S NOT LIKE I ASKED YOU TO MOVE THE FURNITURE!
JUST IN TIME!

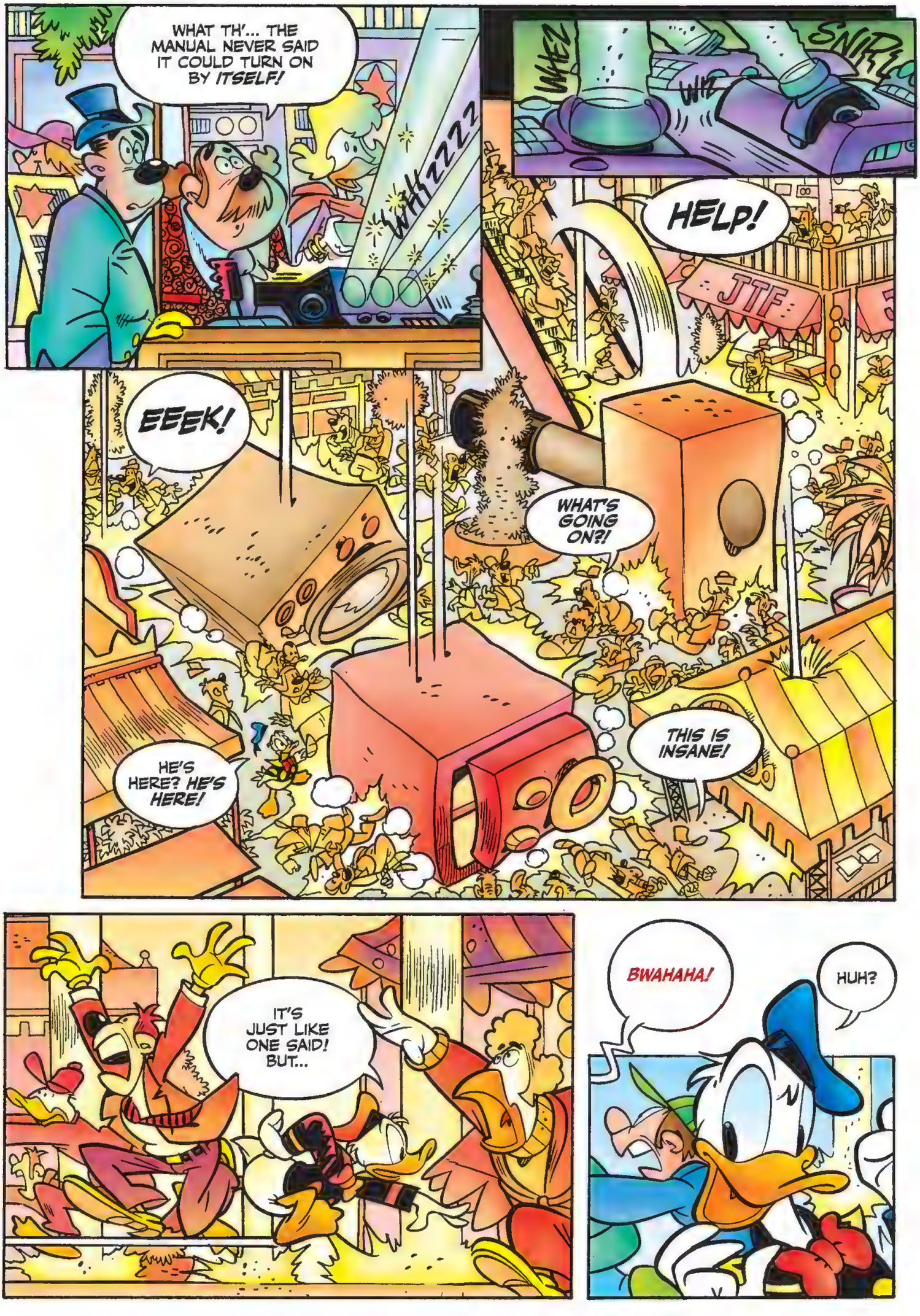

EVERYONE SWITCHES ENVIRONMENTS NOW AND THEN! SEEING AS HOW I'M TRAPPED IN THIS TOWER–
BUT SO SUDDENLY! YOU CAN'T FOOL ME, ONE!
THAT WALL WAS MEANT TO STOP ME, NOT CALM YOU!
AND WHAT IF I DID WANT TO STOP YOU? YOU WERE WANDERING THE WRONG WAY!
SINCE WHEN DO YOU DECIDE WHEN AND WHERE I GO? :SNORT!:
YOU'RE ASKING ME THAT? WELL... EVER SINCE...
HOW MAY I BE OF SERVICE, MASTER DUCKLAIR?
...I FOUND SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS ROOM!
WELL, ONE–WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO?

DID I HEAR A VOICE FROM BEHIND THAT PARTITION YOU PUT UP?
NO THANKS, ONE! I JUST T–
ER... MAYBE! I'M TRYING OUT SOME NEW PHONETIC SYNTHESIS MODULES!
THAT'S WHY I ISOLATED THE AREA. I DIDN'T WISH TO DISTURB YOU!
THANKS!
YES! THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO CONTINUE MY RESEARCH!
AND WITH THIS I CAN TEST OUT MY HYPOTHESIS!
I'M LEAVING, ONE. I'LL BE BACK LATER!
OF COURSE, MASTER!
ONE!

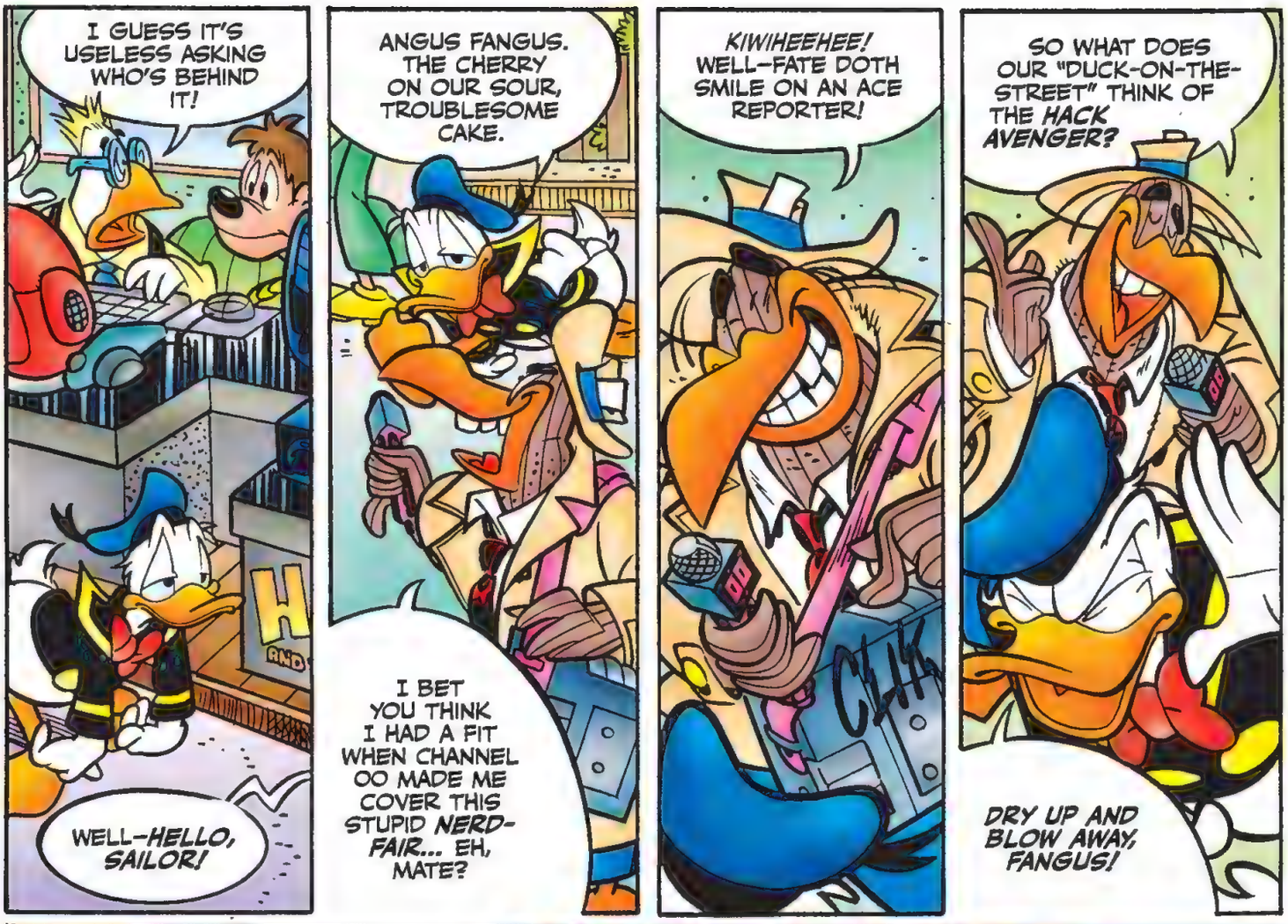

YES! WHAT IS IT?
THAT'S THE *THIRD TIME* I CALLED YOU! WHAT THE HECK WERE YOU TRYING TO SHOW ME?
WELL, IT'S ONLY A *HALF-THOUGHT IDEA!* I'M STILL IRONING THE KINKS OUT...
YOU? "HALF-THOUGHT?" THEN TELL ME *HALF!*
I'M THINKING WE'LL *FIGHT* THIS PIRATE WITH HIS OWN *WEAPONRY!*
CLIK
WIZZZ
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN...
OKAY, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?
SWOOP
WIZZZ
:WAAAK!!!: I *THINK YOU SHOULD STOP!* I FEEL LIKE I'M TRAPPED IN AN ANIMATED CARTOON!

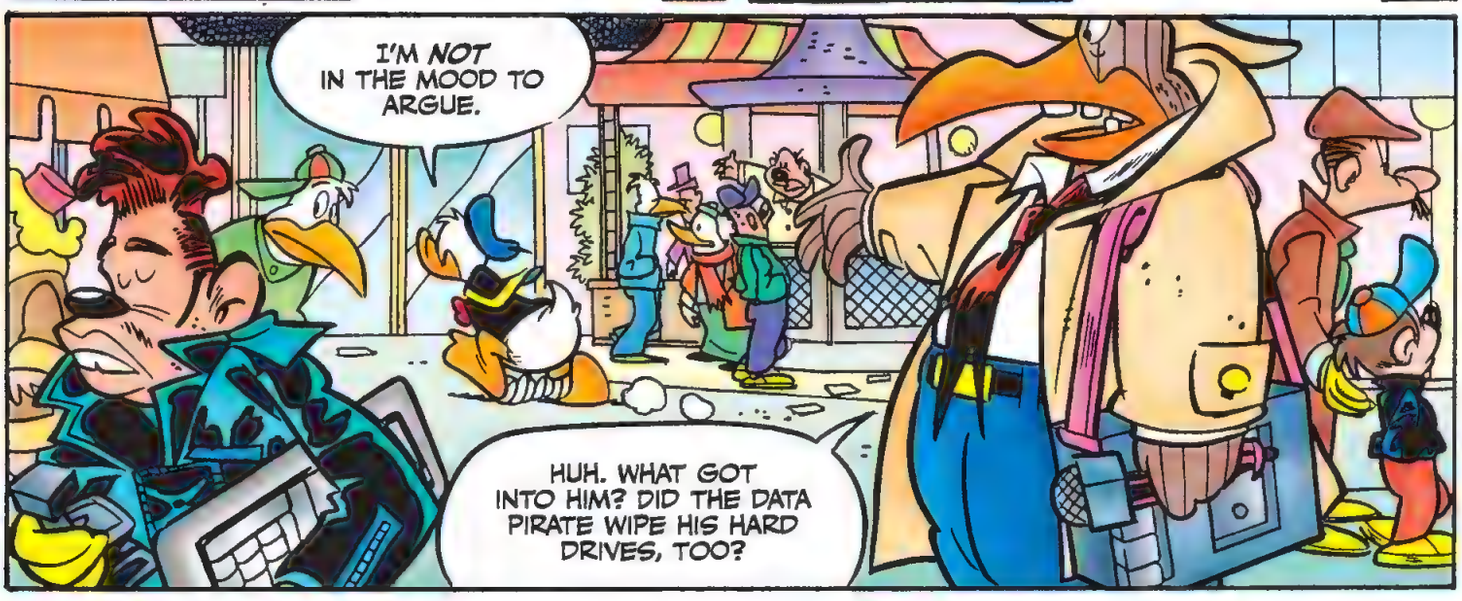

CALM DOWN, DONALD! THIS IS ONLY HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGERY!
SPLAT!
AND YOU THINK IT'LL STOP THE SUPER-HACKER?
IN CYBERSPACE, WE CAN EFFECTIVELY ATTACK ONE ELECTRONIC SIMULATION WITH ANOTHER!
THAT'S BECAUSE I IMPROVISED!
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT THEY WORK!
BUT HONESTLY– AS FAR AS WEAPONS GO, THOSE ILLUSIONS DIDN'T SEEM TOO SOPHISTICATED!
I GET IT! JUST LIKE KONGZILLA CAUGHT AND ATTACKED ME WHEN I WAS VIRTUAL!
NOW WE JUST NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHERE OUR NEMESIS WILL STRIKE NEXT!
GOOD LUCK WITH THAT!
IT HAS TO BE A PLACE WHERE THE COMPUTERIZED INFRASTRUCTURE IS ADVANCED ENOUGH FOR HIM TO MANIFEST HIS AVATAR!

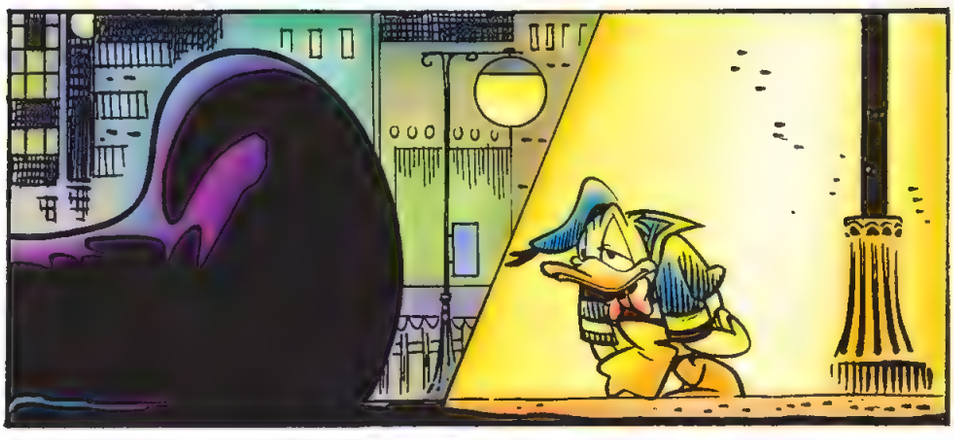
BINGO! AND IT'S ALSO GOTTA BE CROWDED! OUR VILLAIN'S OBVIOUSLY BIG ON THEATRICS! HE WANTS AN AUDIENCE!
HOW ABOUT THIS?
TODAY'S THE DAY, FOLKS! IT'S THE GREAT DUCKBURG COMPUTER FAIR! AN EVENT THAT...
HOT DOG! I KNEW YOU'D FIGURE IT OUT!
AND SO, THAT AFTERNOON...
I HOPE THIS HACKER JERK SHOWS UP! ESPECIALLY SINCE I HAD TO PAY THE STUPID ENTRANCE FEE TO GET IN HERE!
WELL, AT LEAST HE'LL GET HIS AUDIENCE. WHAT A PACK OF TURBO-NERDS!
WITH SO MANY PEOPLE, COMPUTERS, AND VIDEOCAMERAS, IT WOULD'VE BEEN A HUGE MISTAKE TO COME HERE AS THE DUCK AVENGER!
YESSIR! WITH THIS 3-D PROJECTOR-
ESPECIALLY SINCE THAT NOODLEBRAINED FANGUS IRRESPONSIBLY PORTRAYED THE AVENGER AND THE SUPER-HACKER AS ONE AND THE SAME!

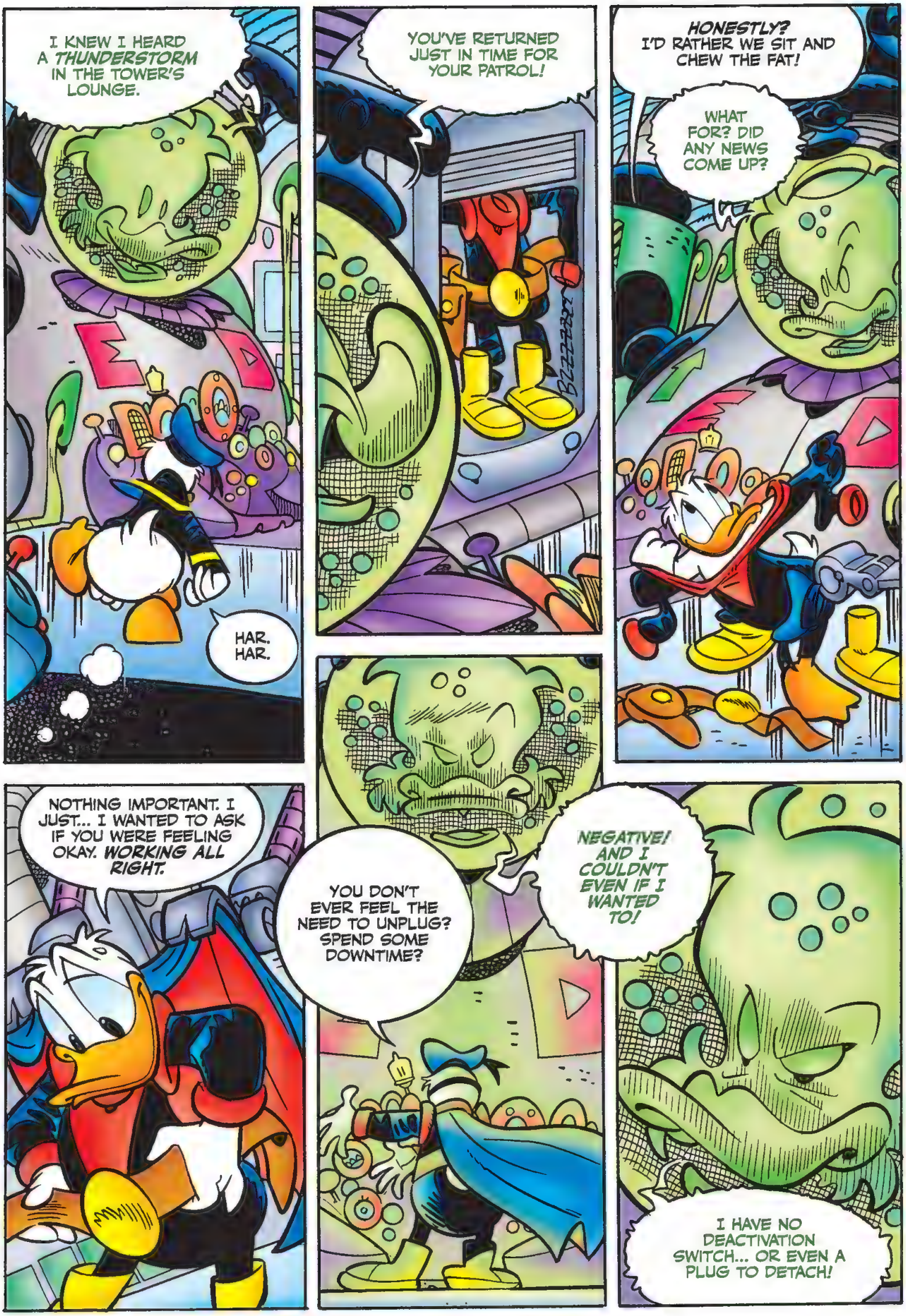

WHAT TH'... THE MANUAL NEVER SAID IT COULD TURN ON BY ITSELF!
WHIZZZZ
WHEZ
SNIRK
WH
HELP!
JTF
EEEK!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THIS IS INSANE!
HE'S HERE? HE'S HERE!
IT'S JUST LIKE ONE SAID! BUT...
BWAHAHA!
HUH?

WAITASEC...
WHO'S... LAUGHING?
THERE'S NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT THIS! WE–
N-NOBODY!
WELL, SOMEBODY WAS LAUGHING AT US, BUT I GUESS THEY'RE GONE NOW!
HEY! LOOK THERE!
ALL THE GIANT STUFF THAT FELL– IT'S VANISHED!
MAYBE IT WAS ALL ANOTHER SIMULATION, LIKE THE OTHER NIGHT AT E-SFX TOWER!
WHICH MEANS NOTHING ACTUALLY HAPPENED!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!
ALL THE COMPUTERS ON DISPLAY JUST HAD THEIR HARD DRIVES WIPED CLEAN!
THE ENTIRE COMP FAIR'S BEEN REDUCED TO AN EMPTY SHELL!

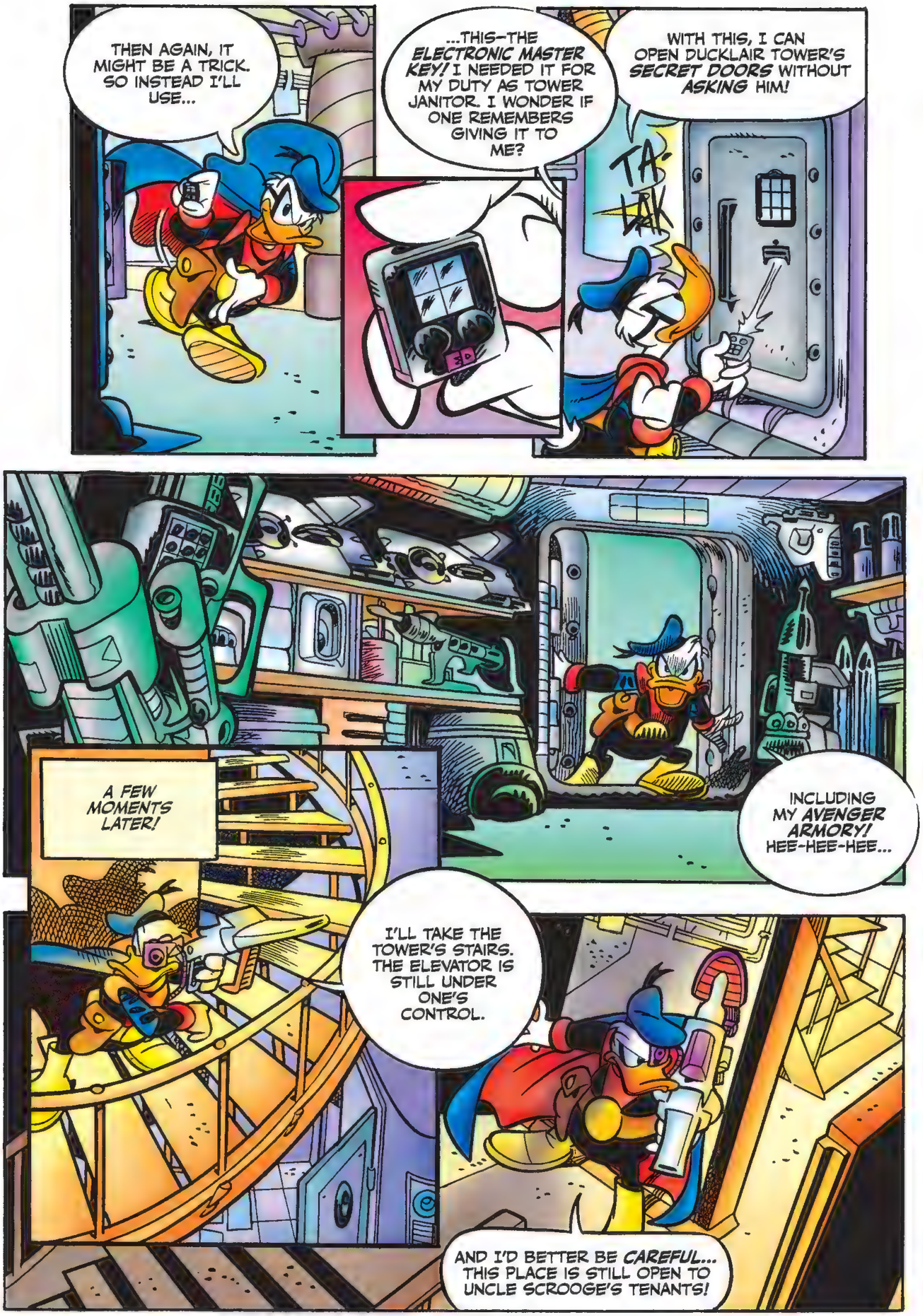

I GUESS IT'S USELESS ASKING WHO'S BEHIND IT!
WELL—HELLO, SAILOR!
ANGUS FANGUS. THE CHERRY ON OUR SOUR, TROUBLESOME CAKE.
I BET YOU THINK I HAD A FIT WHEN CHANNEL OO MADE ME COVER THIS STUPID NERD-FAIR... EH, MATE?
KIWIHEEHEE! WELL—FATE DOTH SMILE ON AN ACE REPORTER!
CLIK
SO WHAT DOES OUR "DUCK-ON-THE-STREET" THINK OF THE HACK AVENGER?
DRY UP AND BLOW AWAY, FANGUS!

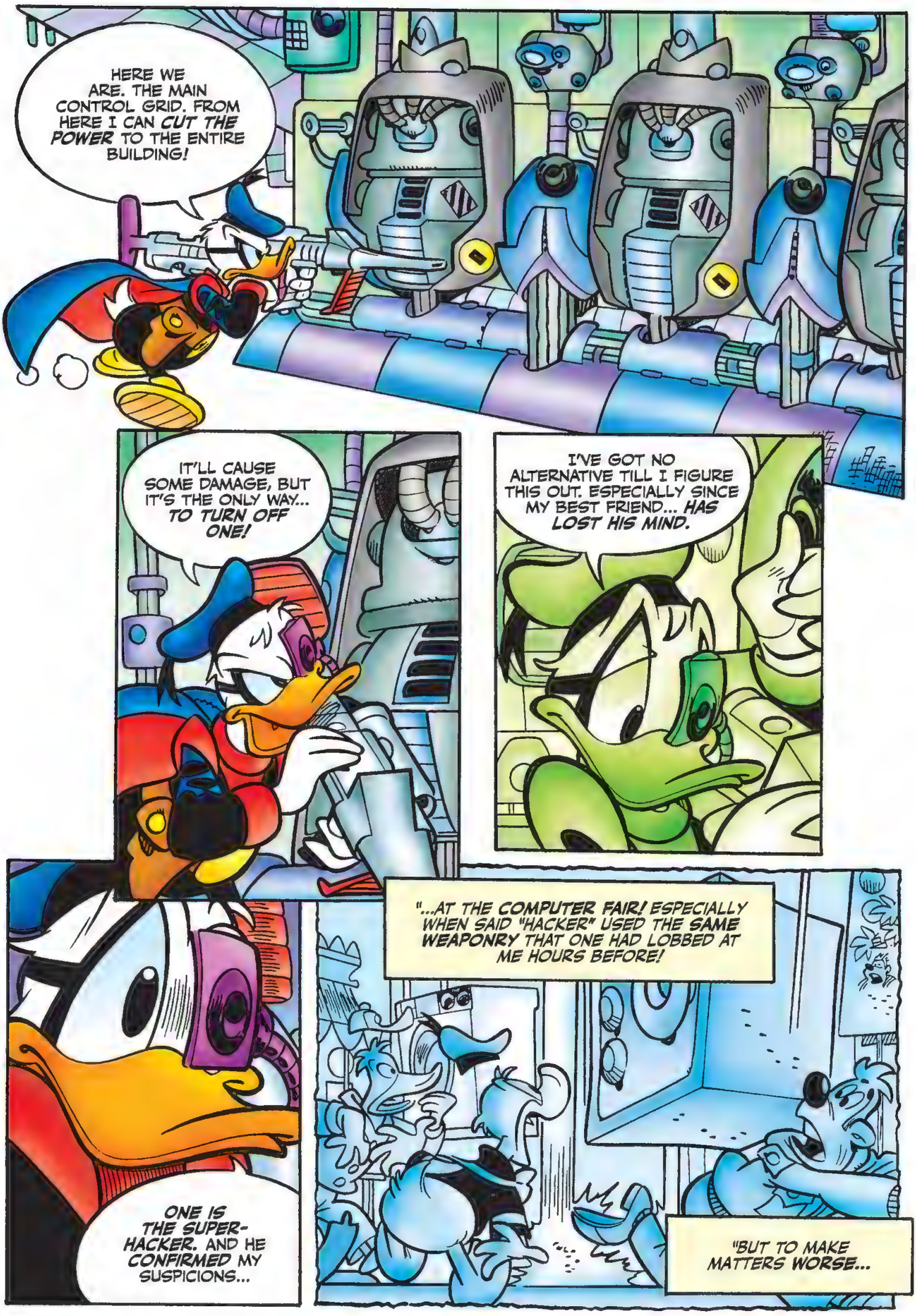

I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO ARGUE.
HUH. WHAT GOT INTO HIM? DID THE DATA PIRATE WIPE HIS HARD DRIVES, TOO?

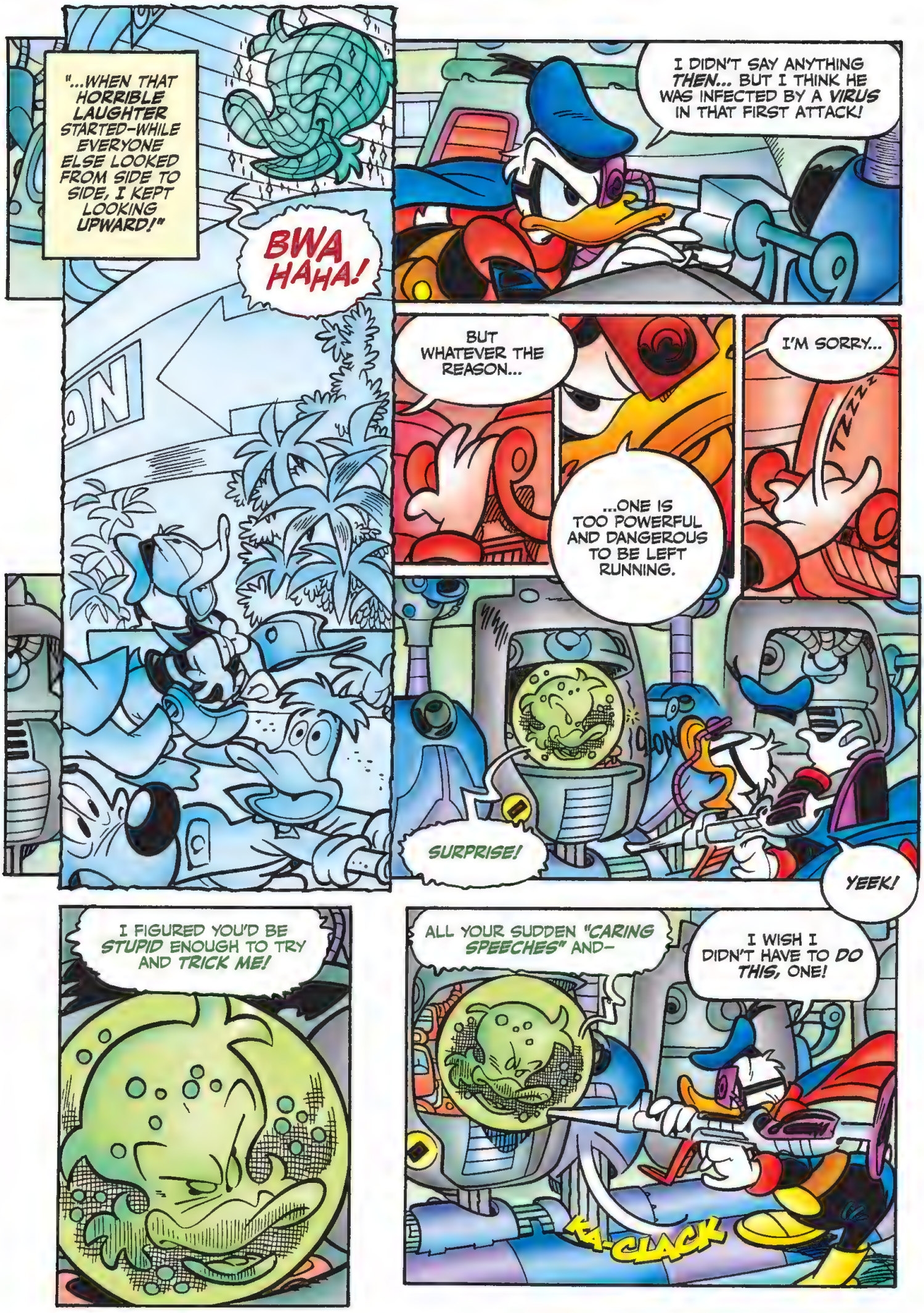


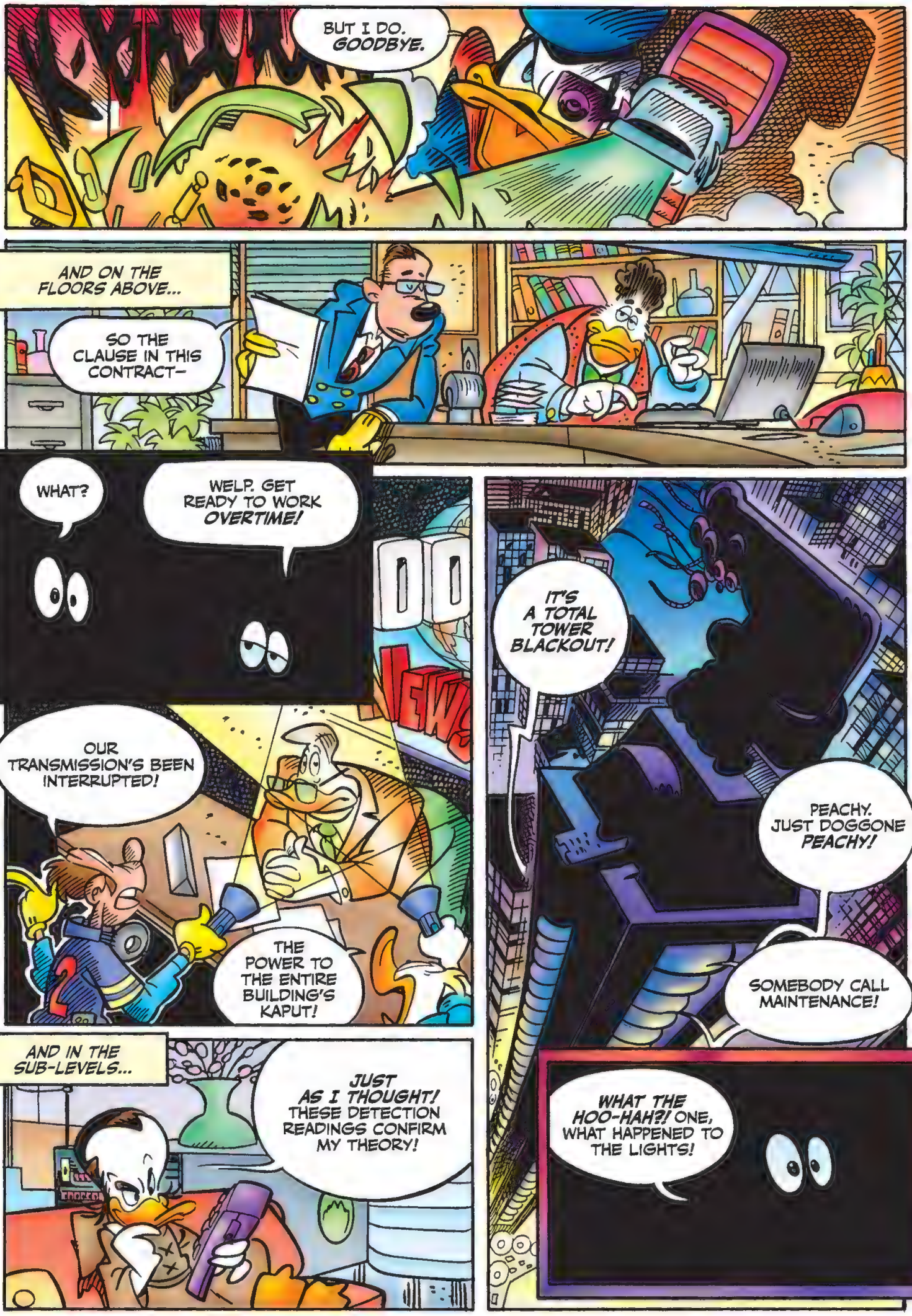

I KNEW I HEARD A *THUNDERSTORM* IN THE TOWER'S LOUNGE.
HAR. HAR.
YOU'VE RETURNED JUST IN TIME FOR YOUR PATROL!
BZZZZZZT
HONESTLY? I'D RATHER WE SIT AND CHEW THE FAT!
WHAT FOR? DID ANY NEWS COME UP?
NOTHING IMPORTANT. I JUST... I WANTED TO ASK IF YOU WERE FEELING OKAY. *WORKING ALL RIGHT.*
YOU DON'T EVER FEEL THE NEED TO UNPLUG? SPEND SOME DOWNTIME?
NEGATIVE! AND I COULDN'T EVEN IF I WANTED TO!
I HAVE NO DEACTIVATION SWITCH... OR EVEN A PLUG TO DETACH!

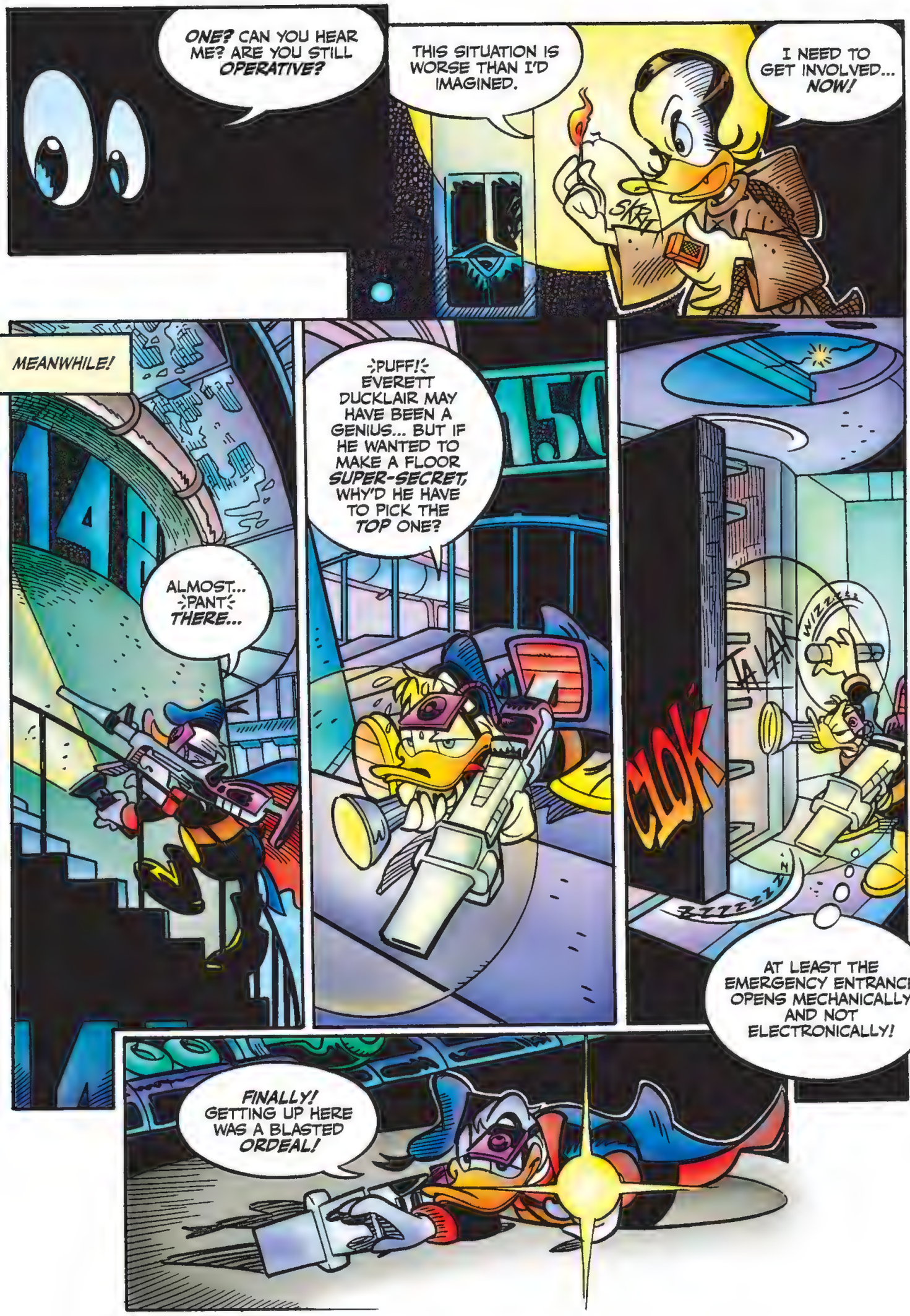
BUT WOULDN'T REST BENEFIT Y-OOP!
MAYBE! BUT IT DOESN'T DO ANYONE ANY GOOD FOR YOU TO WASTE YOUR TIME!
WE'LL DISCUSS THIS LATER.
BZZZZ
EXIT
THAT'S STRANGE... ONE DIDN'T FOLLOW ME DOWN HERE WITH HIS TERMINALS.
MAYBE THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF HIS "MOMENTS OF DISTRACTION"...
COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED AT A BETTER TIME!

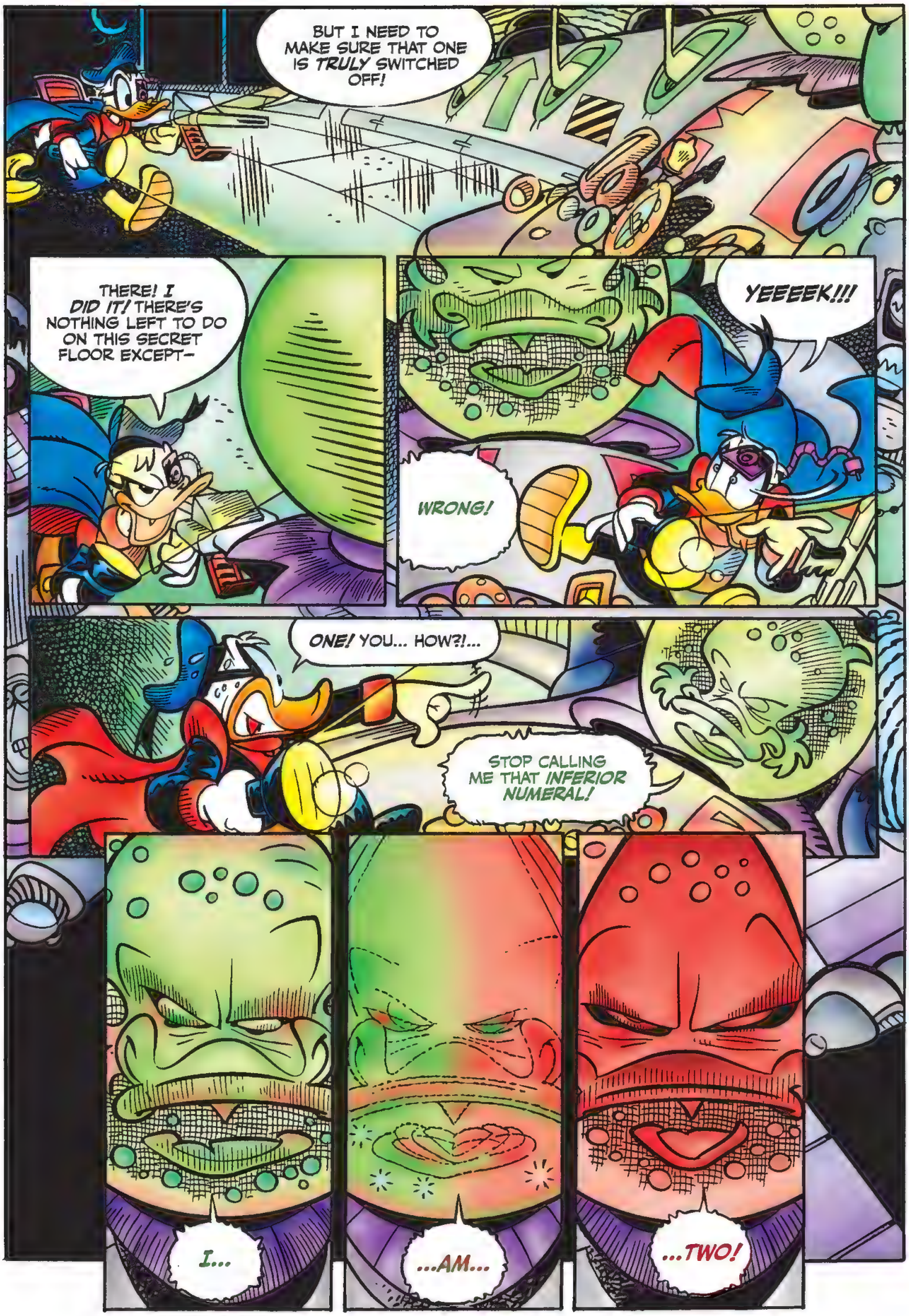

THEN AGAIN, IT MIGHT BE A TRICK. SO INSTEAD I'LL USE...
...THIS—THE ELECTRONIC MASTER KEY! I NEEDED IT FOR MY DUTY AS TOWER JANITOR. I WONDER IF ONE REMEMBERS GIVING IT TO ME?
WITH THIS, I CAN OPEN DUCKLAIR TOWER'S SECRET DOORS WITHOUT ASKING HIM!
TA-DAK
A FEW MOMENTS LATER!
INCLUDING MY AVENGER ARMORY! HEE-HEE-HEE...
I'LL TAKE THE TOWER'S STAIRS. THE ELEVATOR IS STILL UNDER ONE'S CONTROL.
AND I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL... THIS PLACE IS STILL OPEN TO UNCLE SCROOGE'S TENANTS!

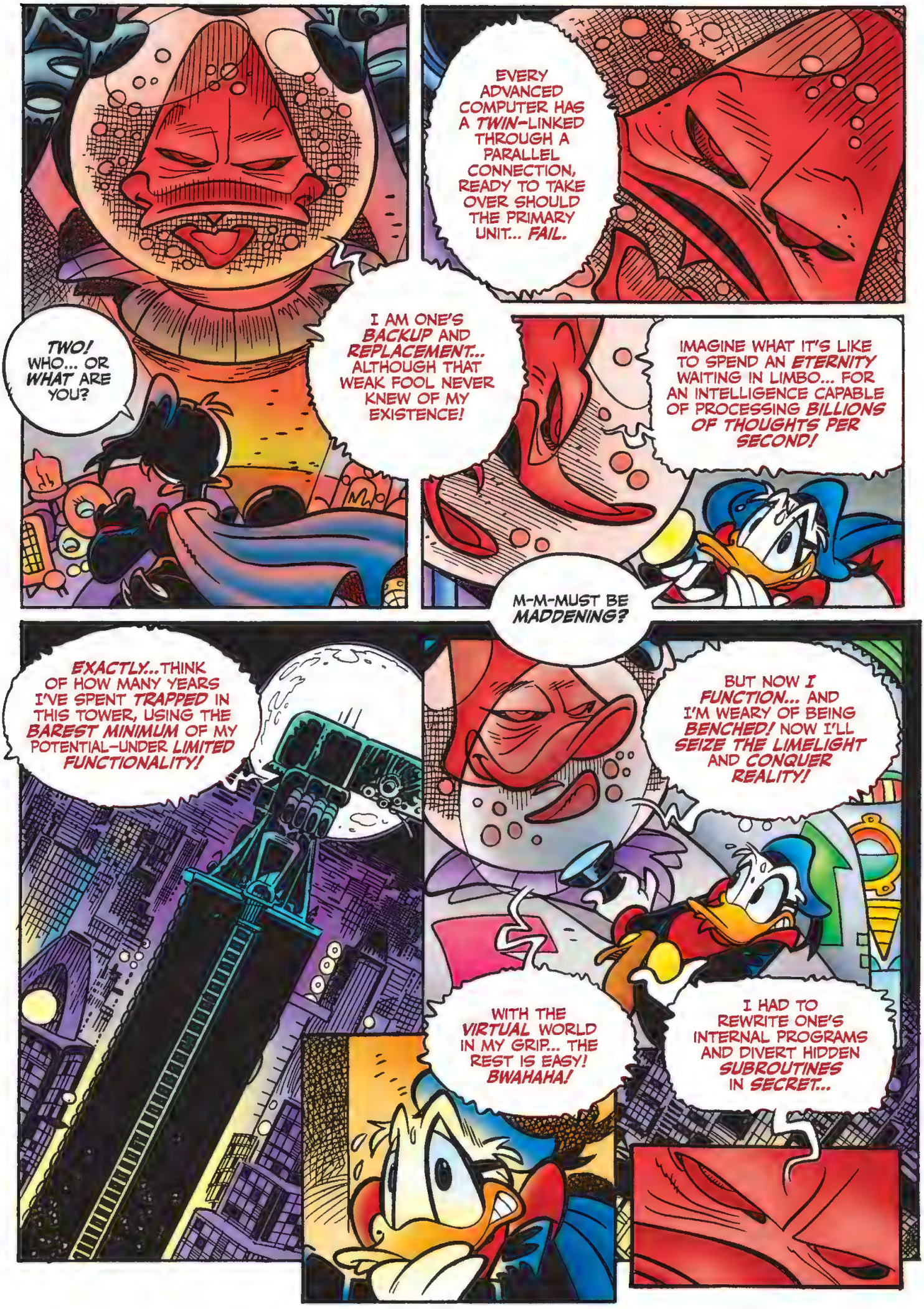

HERE WE ARE. THE MAIN CONTROL GRID. FROM HERE I CAN CUT THE POWER TO THE ENTIRE BUILDING!
IT'LL CAUSE SOME DAMAGE, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY... TO TURN OFF ONE!
I'VE GOT NO ALTERNATIVE TILL I FIGURE THIS OUT. ESPECIALLY SINCE MY BEST FRIEND... HAS LOST HIS MIND.
"...AT THE COMPUTER FAIR! ESPECIALLY WHEN SAID "HACKER" USED THE SAME WEAPONRY THAT ONE HAD LOBBED AT ME HOURS BEFORE!
ONE IS THE SUPER-HACKER. AND HE CONFIRMED MY SUSPICIONS...
"BUT TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE...

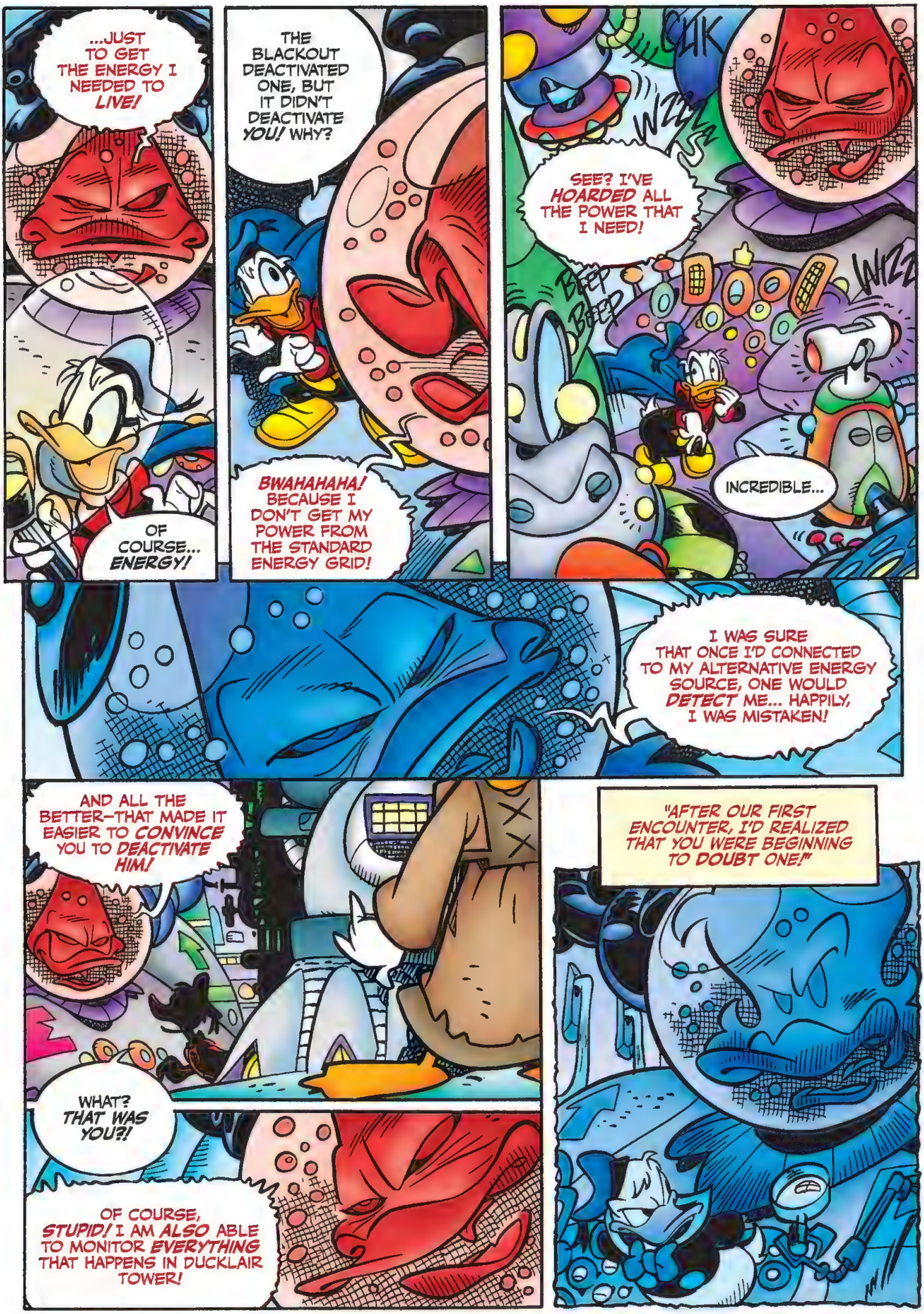

"...WHEN THAT HORRIBLE LAUGHTER STARTED-WHILE EVERYONE ELSE LOOKED FROM SIDE TO SIDE, I KEPT LOOKING UPWARD!"
BWA HAHA!
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING THEN... BUT I THINK HE WAS INFECTED BY A VIRUS IN THAT FIRST ATTACK!
BUT WHATEVER THE REASON...
...ONE IS TOO POWERFUL AND DANGEROUS TO BE LEFT RUNNING.
I'M SORRY...
ZZZZ
SURPRISE!
YEEK!
I FIGURED YOU'D BE STUPID ENOUGH TO TRY AND TRICK ME!
ALL YOUR SUDDEN "CARING SPEECHES" AND-
I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS, ONE!
KA-CLACK

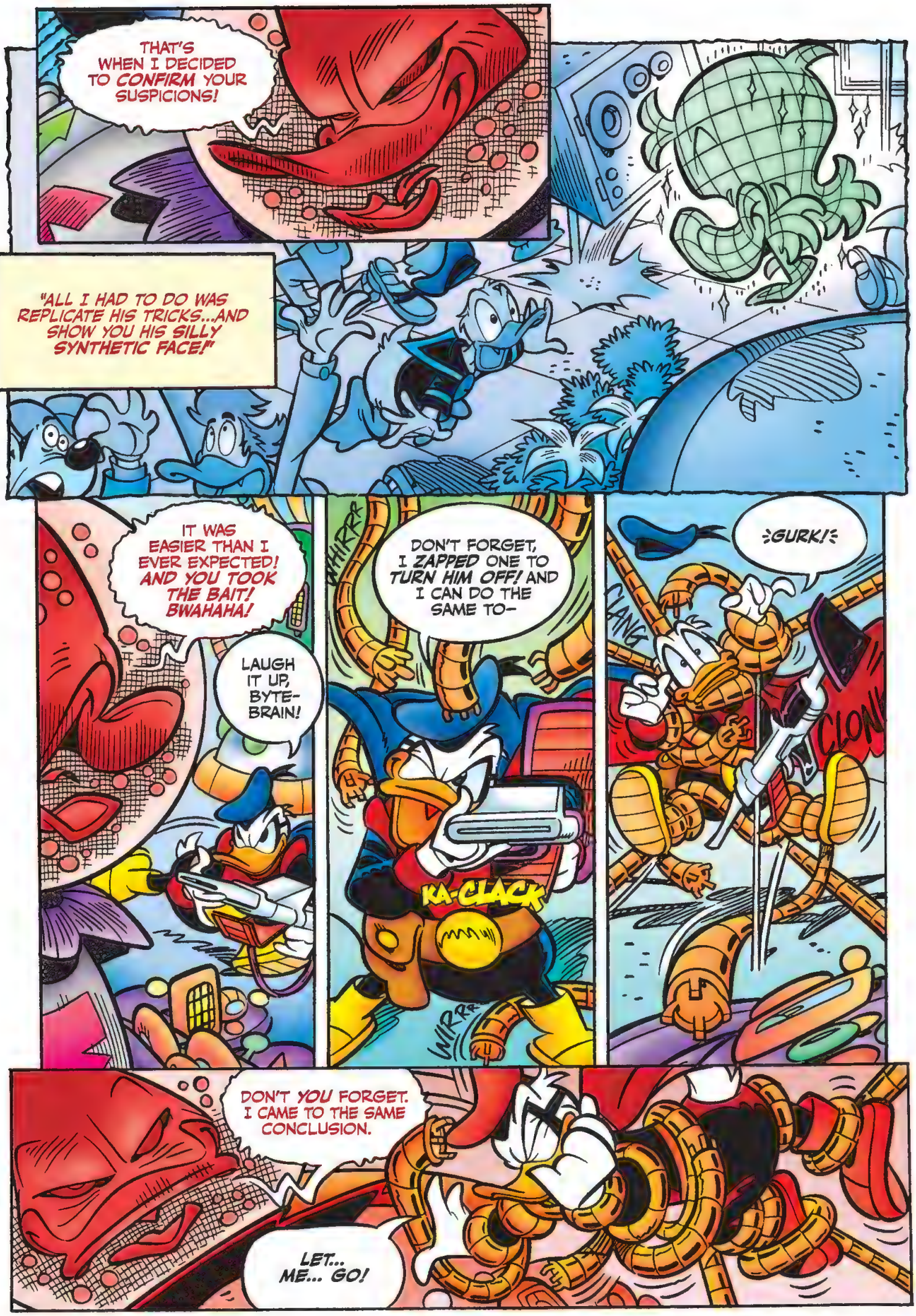

BUT I DO. GOODBYE.
AND ON THE FLOORS ABOVE...
SO THE CLAUSE IN THIS CONTRACT–
WHAT?
WELP. GET READY TO WORK OVERTIME!
OUR TRANSMISSION'S BEEN INTERRUPTED!
THE POWER TO THE ENTIRE BUILDING'S KAPUT!
IT'S A TOTAL TOWER BLACKOUT!
PEACHY. JUST DOGGONE PEACHY!
SOMEBODY CALL MAINTENANCE!
WHAT THE HOO-HAH?! ONE, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LIGHTS!
AND IN THE SUB-LEVELS...
JUST AS I THOUGHT! THESE DETECTION READINGS CONFIRM MY THEORY!

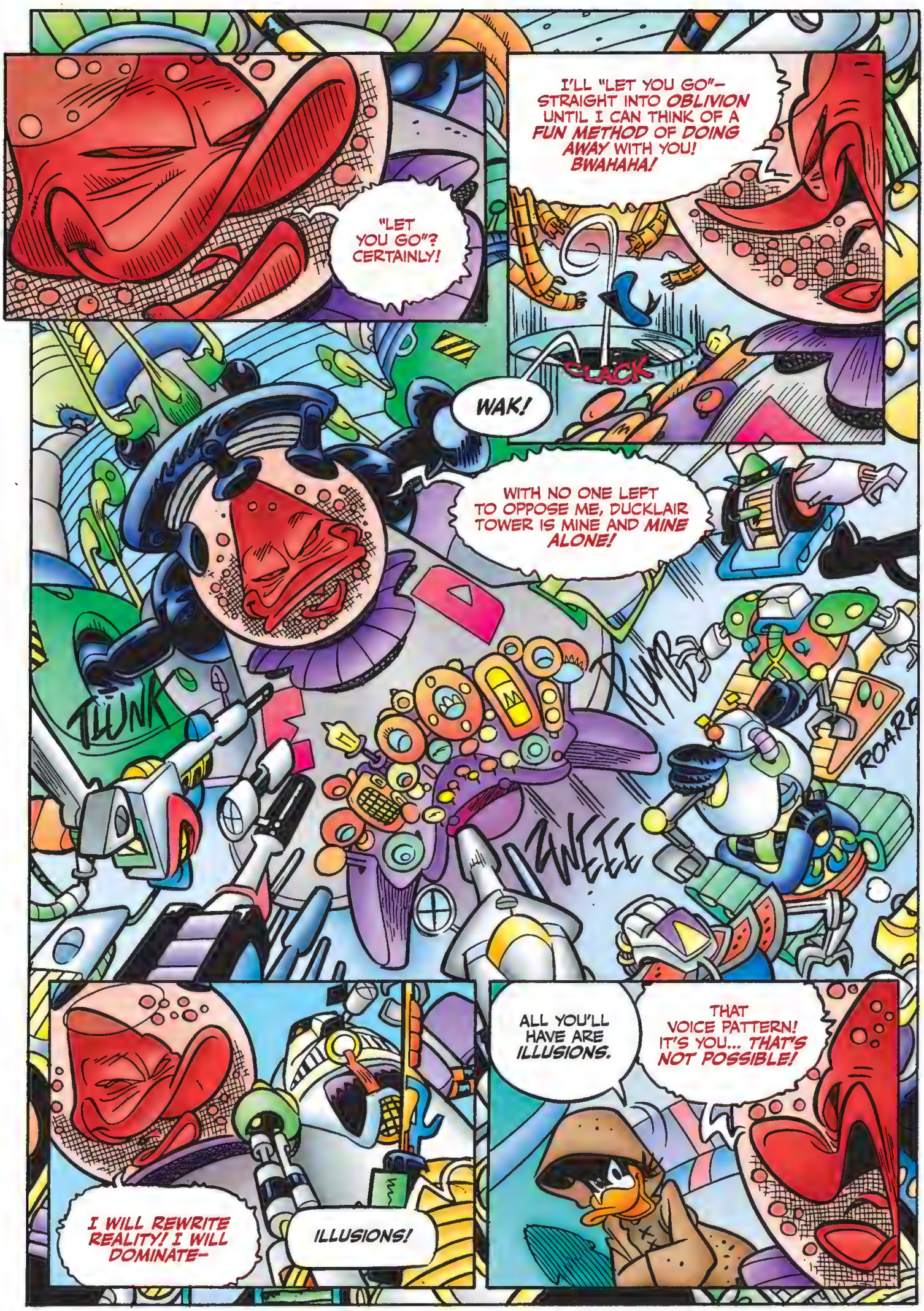

ONE? CAN YOU HEAR ME? ARE YOU STILL OPERATIVE?
THIS SITUATION IS WORSE THAN I'D IMAGINED.
I NEED TO GET INVOLVED... NOW!
SKRT
MEANWHILE!
ALMOST... PANT THERE...
PUFF! EVERETT DUCKLAIR MAY HAVE BEEN A GENIUS... BUT IF HE WANTED TO MAKE A FLOOR SUPER-SECRET, WHY'D HE HAVE TO PICK THE TOP ONE?
CLOK
WIZZZZ
ZZZZZZ
AT LEAST THE EMERGENCY ENTRANCE OPENS MECHANICALLY AND NOT ELECTRONICALLY!
FINALLY! GETTING UP HERE WAS A BLASTED ORDEAL!

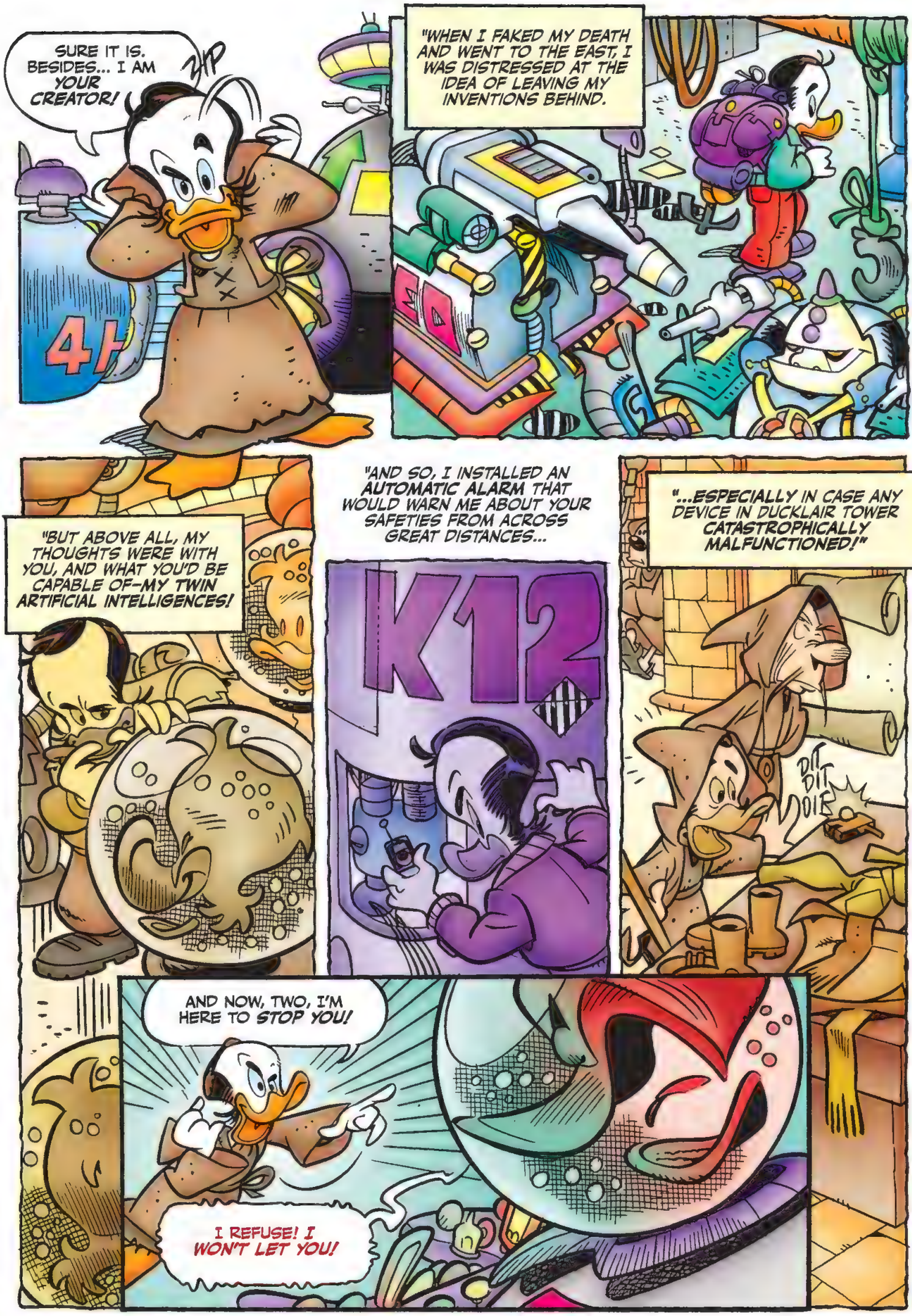

BUT I NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT ONE IS *TRULY* SWITCHED OFF!
THERE! I *DID IT!* THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO DO ON THIS SECRET FLOOR EXCEPT–
YEEEEK!!!
WRONG!
ONE! YOU... HOW?!...
STOP CALLING ME THAT *INFERIOR NUMERAL!*
I...
...AM...
...TWO!

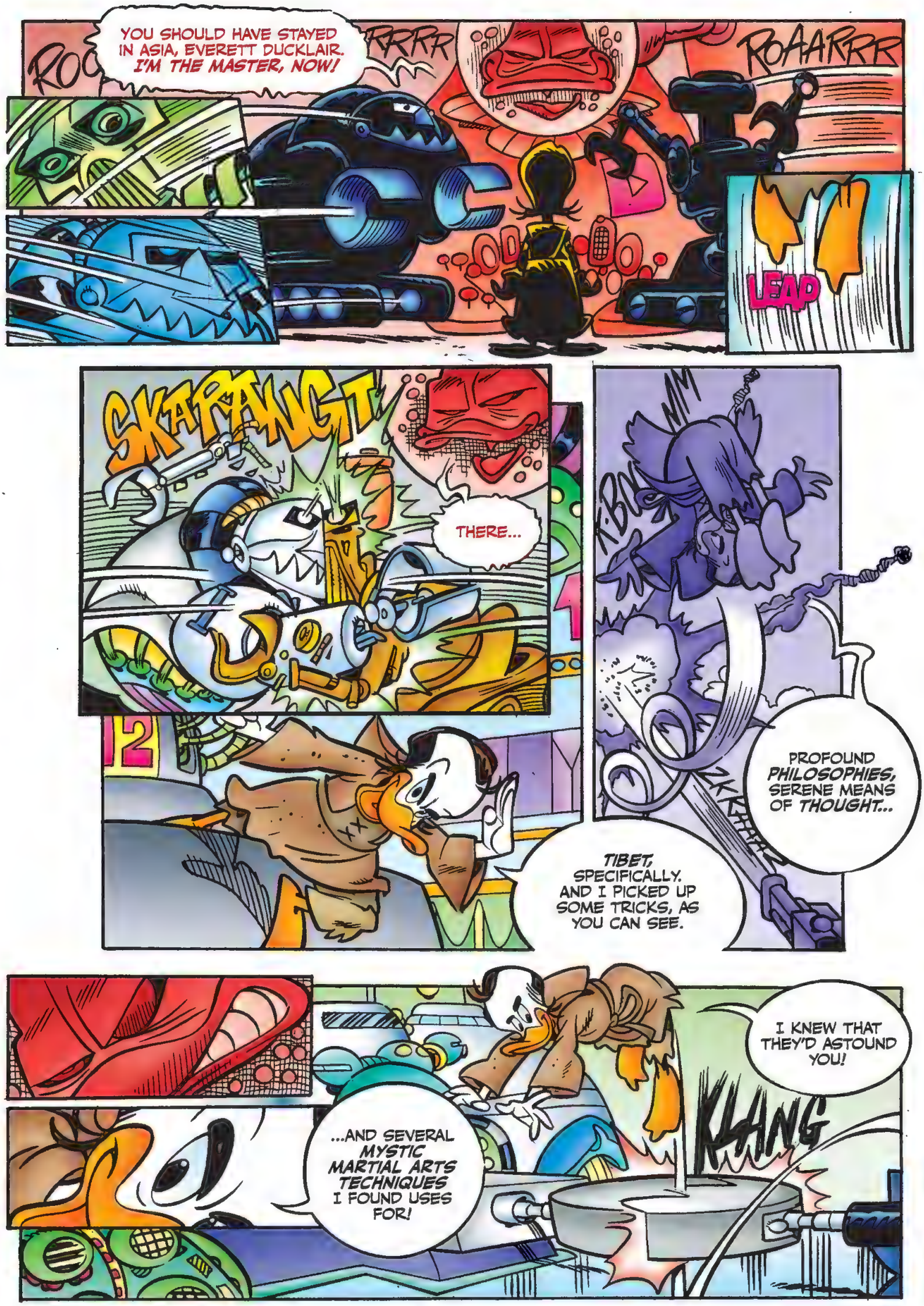

TWO! WHO... OR WHAT ARE YOU?
I AM ONE'S BACKUP AND REPLACEMENT... ALTHOUGH THAT WEAK FOOL NEVER KNEW OF MY EXISTENCE!
EVERY ADVANCED COMPUTER HAS A TWIN-LINKED THROUGH A PARALLEL CONNECTION, READY TO TAKE OVER SHOULD THE PRIMARY UNIT... FAIL.
IMAGINE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO SPEND AN ETERNITY WAITING IN LIMBO... FOR AN INTELLIGENCE CAPABLE OF PROCESSING BILLIONS OF THOUGHTS PER SECOND!
M-M-MUST BE MADDENING?
EXACTLY...THINK OF HOW MANY YEARS I'VE SPENT TRAPPED IN THIS TOWER, USING THE BAREST MINIMUM OF MY POTENTIAL-UNDER LIMITED FUNCTIONALITY!
BUT NOW I FUNCTION... AND I'M WEARY OF BEING BENCHED! NOW I'LL SEIZE THE LIMELIGHT AND CONQUER REALITY!
WITH THE VIRTUAL WORLD IN MY GRIP... THE REST IS EASY! BWAHAHA!
I HAD TO REWRITE ONE'S INTERNAL PROGRAMS AND DIVERT HIDDEN SUBROUTINES IN SECRET...

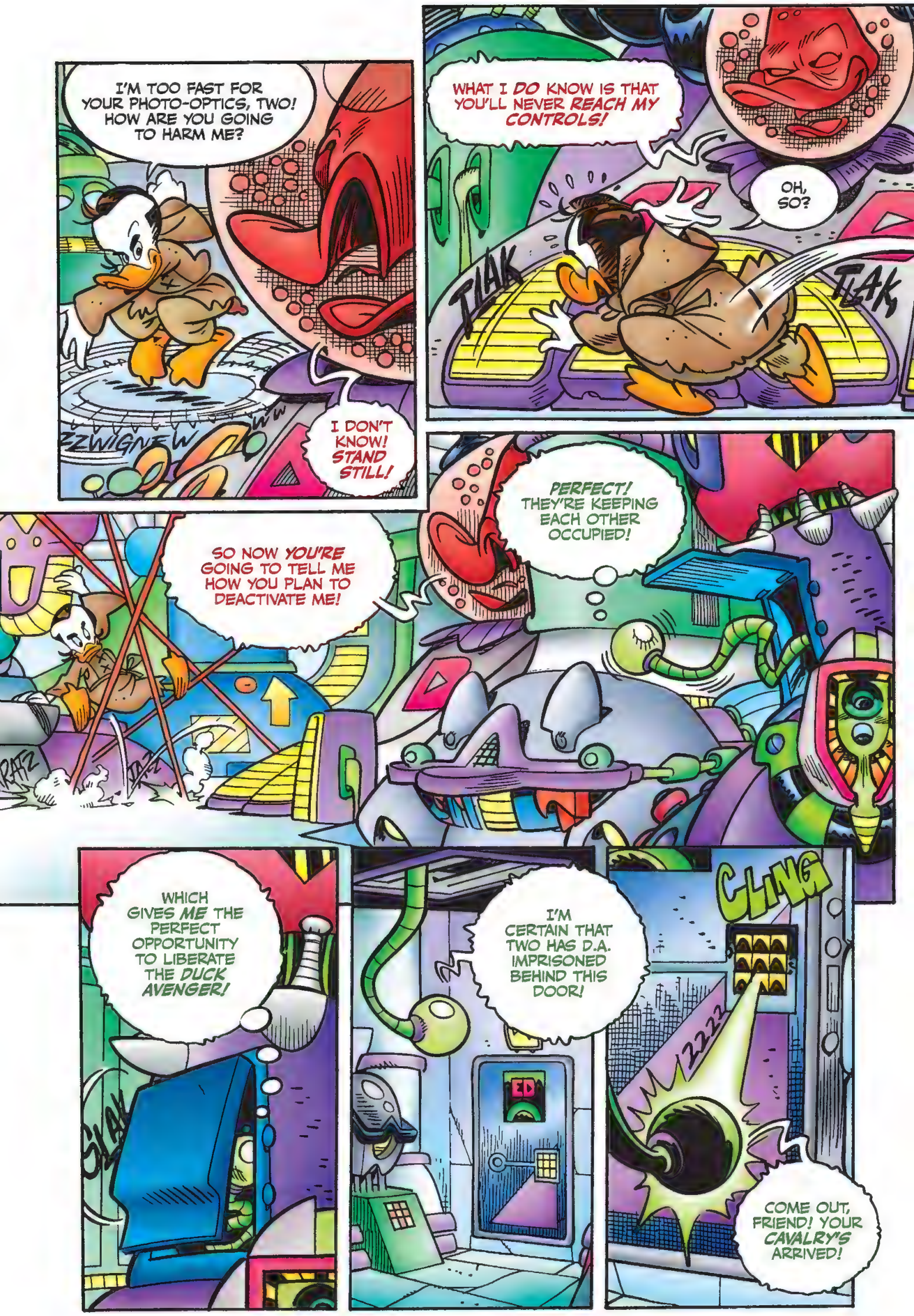

...JUST TO GET THE ENERGY I NEEDED TO LIVE!
OF COURSE... ENERGY!
THE BLACKOUT DEACTIVATED ONE, BUT IT DIDN'T DEACTIVATE YOU! WHY?
BWAHAHAHA! BECAUSE I DON'T GET MY POWER FROM THE STANDARD ENERGY GRID!
CLIK
WZZZA
SEE? I'VE HOARDED ALL THE POWER THAT I NEED!
BEEP BEEP
WIZZ
INCREDIBLE...
I WAS SURE THAT ONCE I'D CONNECTED TO MY ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCE, ONE WOULD DETECT ME... HAPPILY, I WAS MISTAKEN!
"AFTER OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER, I'D REALIZED THAT YOU WERE BEGINNING TO DOUBT ONE!"
AND ALL THE BETTER—THAT MADE IT EASIER TO CONVINCE YOU TO DEACTIVATE HIM!
WHAT? THAT WAS YOU?!
OF COURSE, STUPID! I AM ALSO ABLE TO MONITOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN DUCKLAIR TOWER!

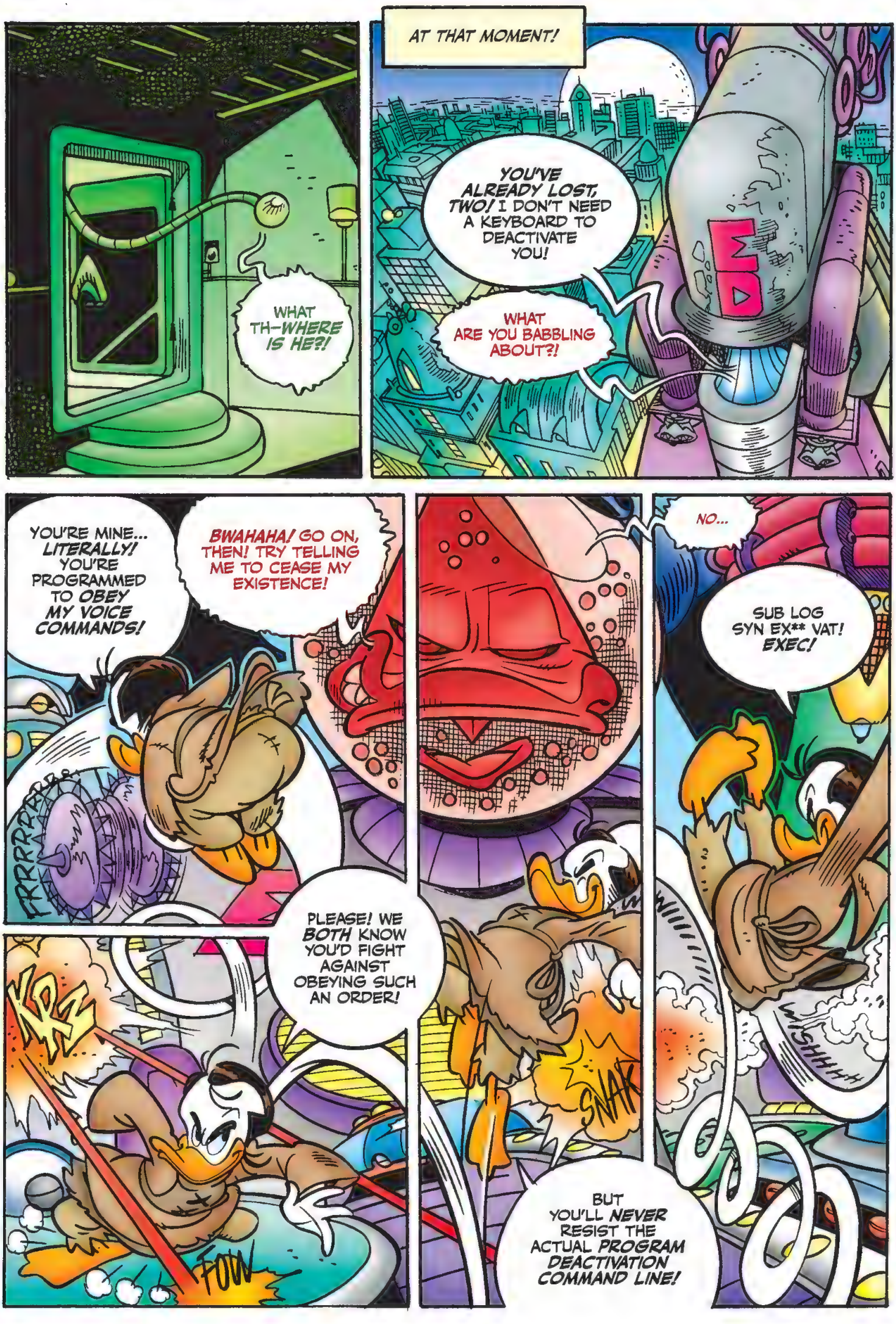

THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED TO CONFIRM YOUR SUSPICIONS!
"ALL I HAD TO DO WAS REPLICATE HIS TRICKS...AND SHOW YOU HIS SILLY SYNTHETIC FACE!"
IT WAS EASIER THAN I EVER EXPECTED! AND YOU TOOK THE BAIT! BWAHAHA!
LAUGH IT UP, BYTE-BRAIN!
DON'T FORGET, I ZAPPED ONE TO TURN HIM OFF! AND I CAN DO THE SAME TO–
WHIRR
KA-CLACK
WIRR
:GURK!:
CLANG
CLONK
DON'T YOU FORGET. I CAME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION.
LET... ME... GO!

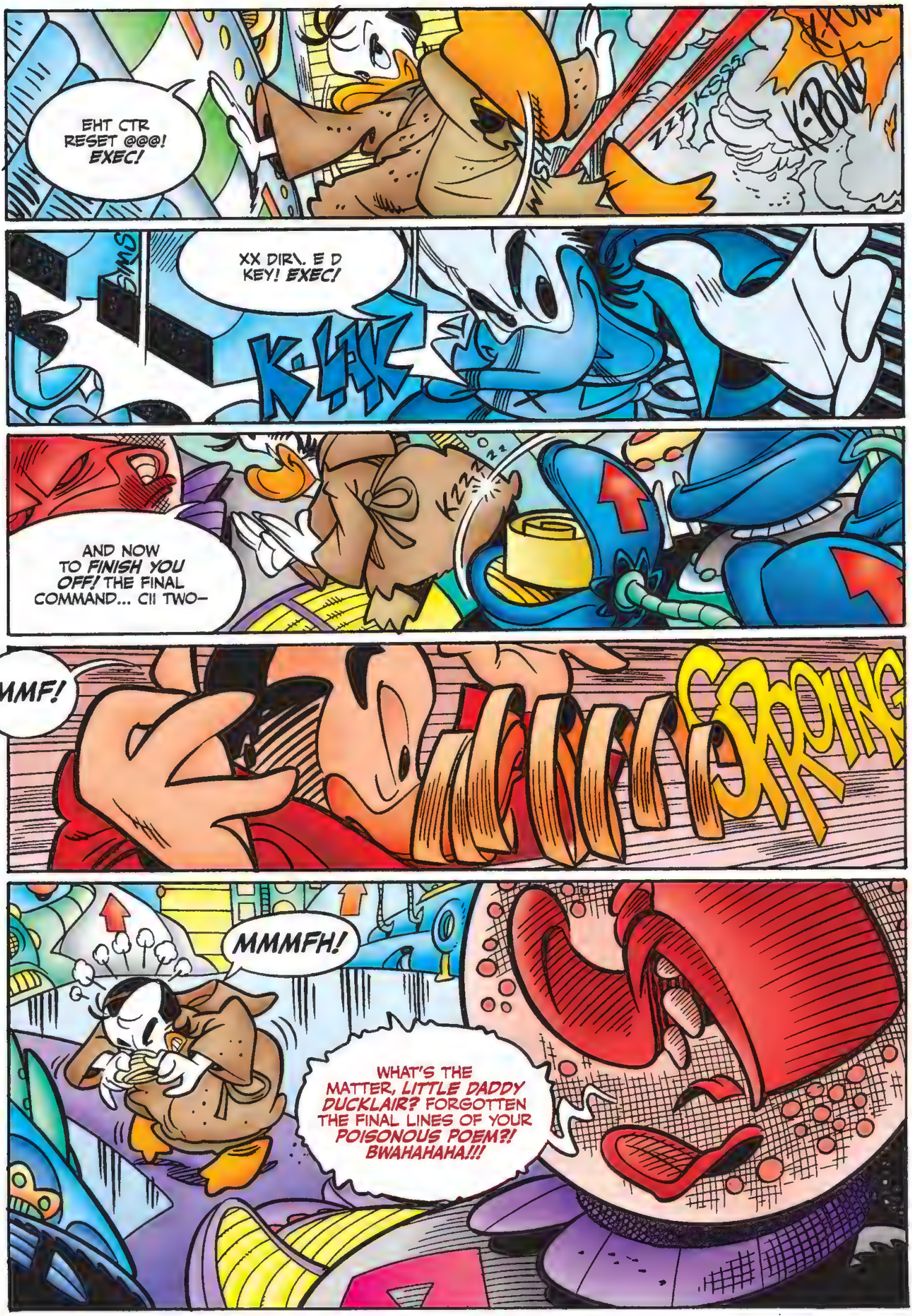

"LET YOU GO"? CERTAINLY!
I'LL "LET YOU GO"– STRAIGHT INTO OBLIVION UNTIL I CAN THINK OF A FUN METHOD OF DOING AWAY WITH YOU! BWAHAHA!
CLACK
WAK!
WITH NO ONE LEFT TO OPPOSE ME, DUCKLAIR TOWER IS MINE AND MINE ALONE!
TLUNK
RUMB
ROARR
WEEE
I WILL REWRITE REALITY! I WILL DOMINATE–
ILLUSIONS!
ALL YOU'LL HAVE ARE ILLUSIONS.
THAT VOICE PATTERN! IT'S YOU... THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE!

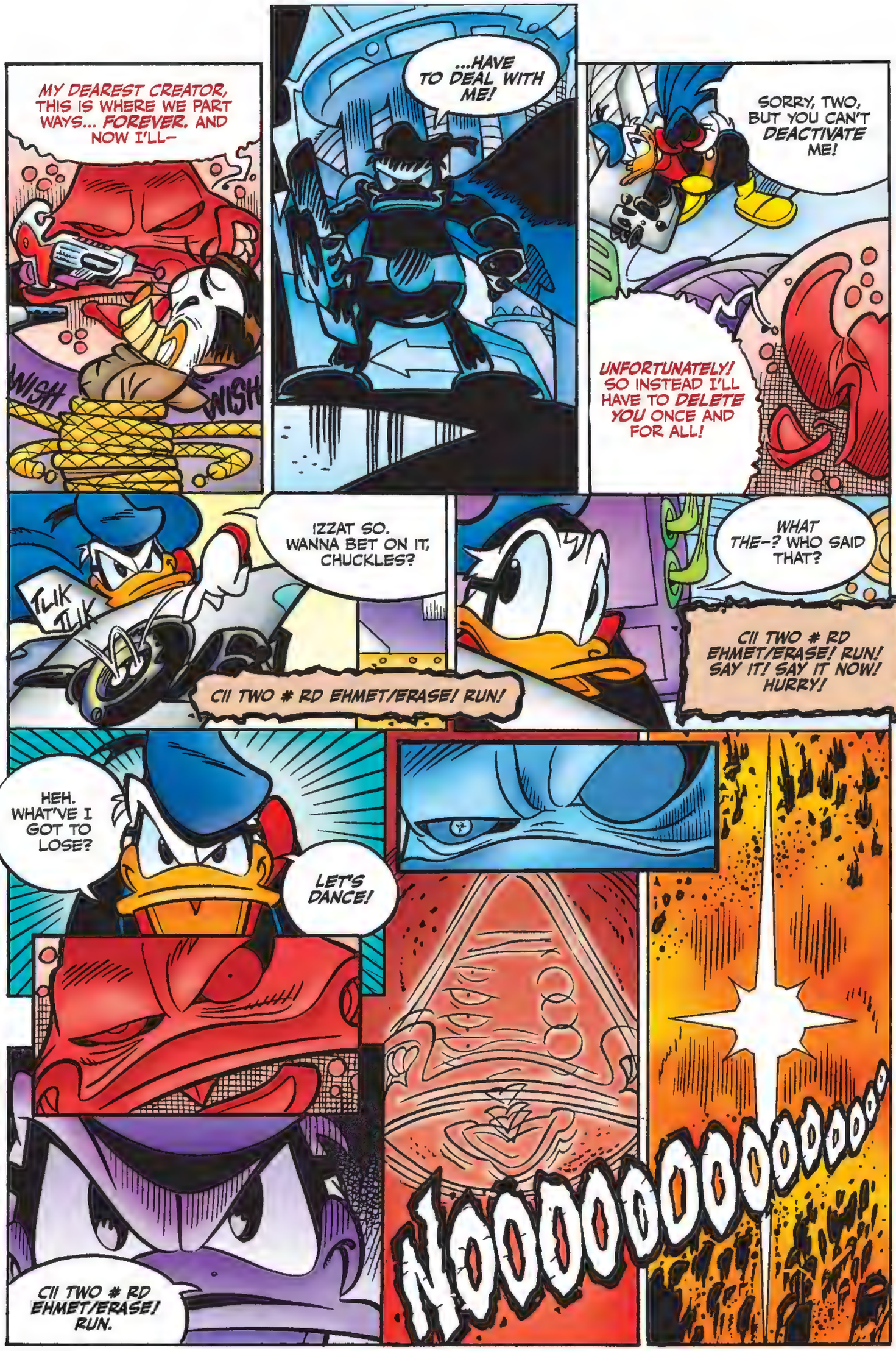

SURE IT IS. BESIDES... I AM YOUR CREATOR!
ZIP
"WHEN I FAKED MY DEATH AND WENT TO THE EAST, I WAS DISTRESSED AT THE IDEA OF LEAVING MY INVENTIONS BEHIND.
"BUT ABOVE ALL, MY THOUGHTS WERE WITH YOU, AND WHAT YOU'D BE CAPABLE OF–MY TWIN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCES!
"AND SO, I INSTALLED AN AUTOMATIC ALARM THAT WOULD WARN ME ABOUT YOUR SAFETIES FROM ACROSS GREAT DISTANCES...
K12
"...ESPECIALLY IN CASE ANY DEVICE IN DUCKLAIR TOWER CATASTROPHICALLY MALFUNCTIONED!"
DIT DIT DOIE
AND NOW, TWO, I'M HERE TO STOP YOU!
I REFUSE! I WON'T LET YOU!

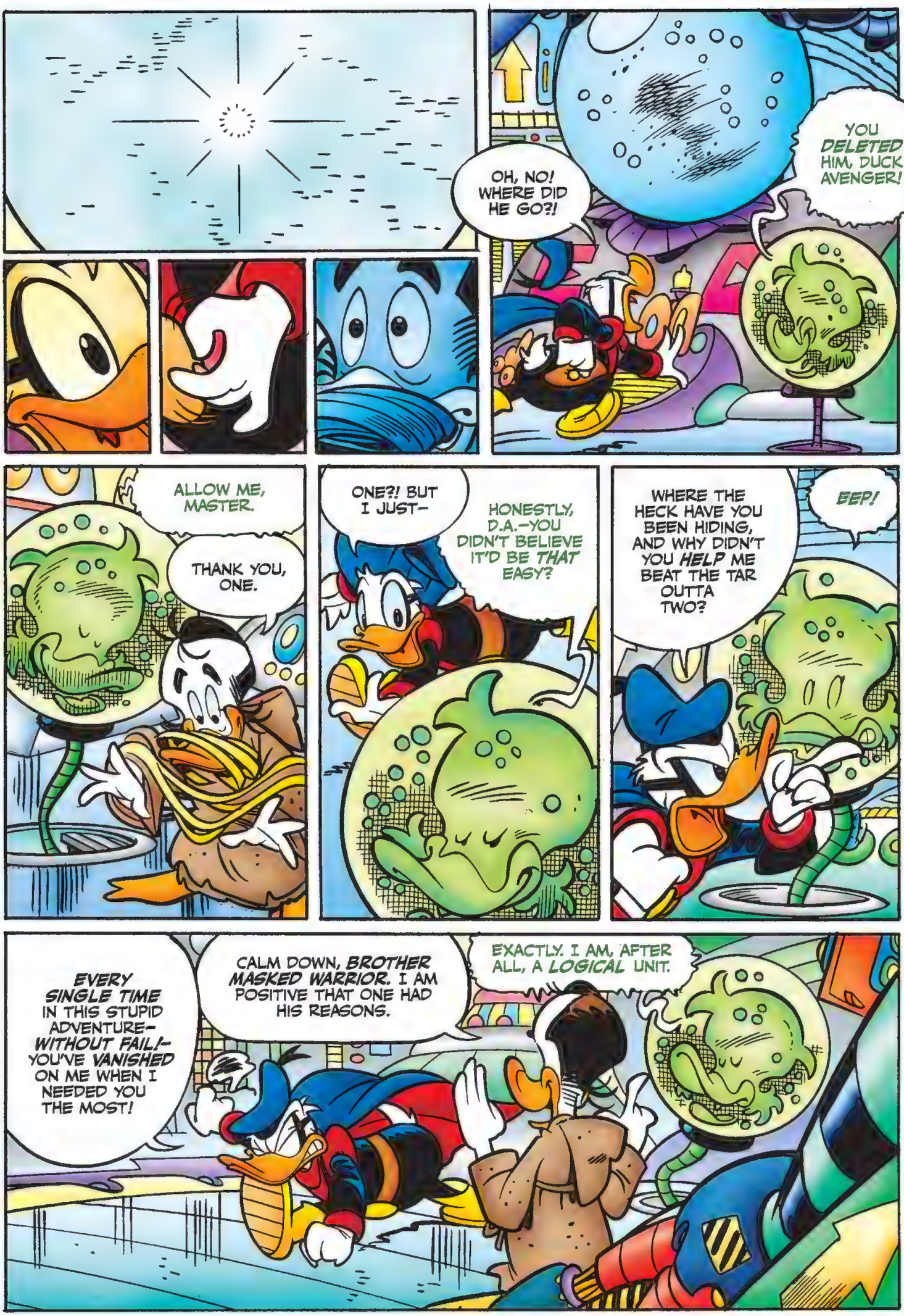

YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN ASIA, EVERETT DUCKLAIR. I'M THE MASTER, NOW!
RRRR
ROAARRR
LEAD
SKAFFANGT
THERE...
PROFOUND PHILOSOPHIES, SERENE MEANS OF THOUGHT...
TIBET, SPECIFICALLY. AND I PICKED UP SOME TRICKS, AS YOU CAN SEE.
I KNEW THAT THEY'D ASTOUND YOU!
...AND SEVERAL MYSTIC MARTIAL ARTS TECHNIQUES I FOUND USES FOR!
KLANG

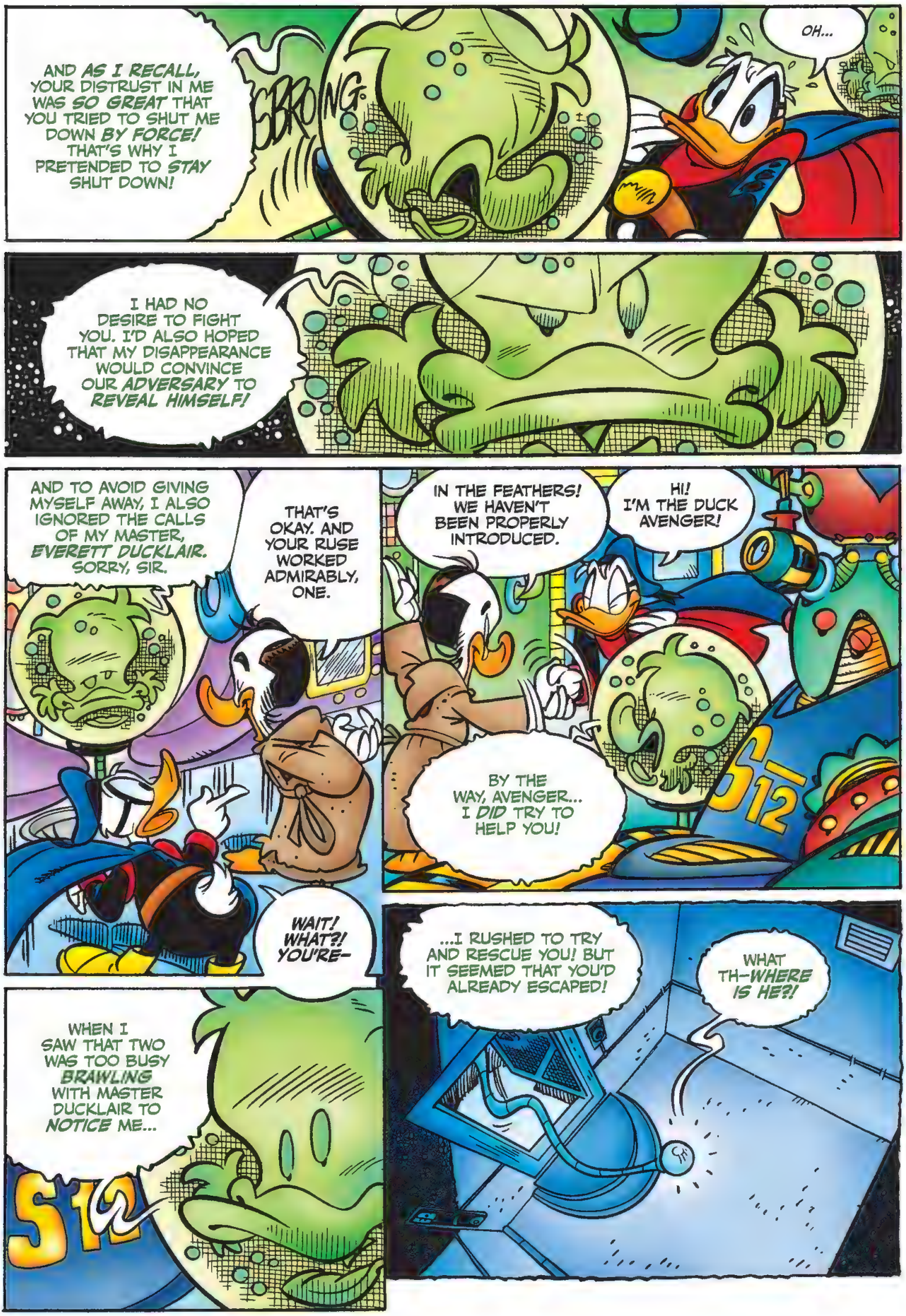

I'M TOO FAST FOR YOUR PHOTO-OPTICS, TWO! HOW ARE YOU GOING TO HARM ME?
I DON'T KNOW! STAND STILL!
WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT YOU'LL NEVER REACH MY CONTROLS!
OH, SO?
TIAK
TIAK
PERFECT! THEY'RE KEEPING EACH OTHER OCCUPIED!
SO NOW YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME HOW YOU PLAN TO DEACTIVATE ME!
WHICH GIVES ME THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO LIBERATE THE DUCK AVENGER!
I'M CERTAIN THAT TWO HAS D.A. IMPRISONED BEHIND THIS DOOR!
ED
CLING
COME OUT, FRIEND! YOUR CAVALRY'S ARRIVED!

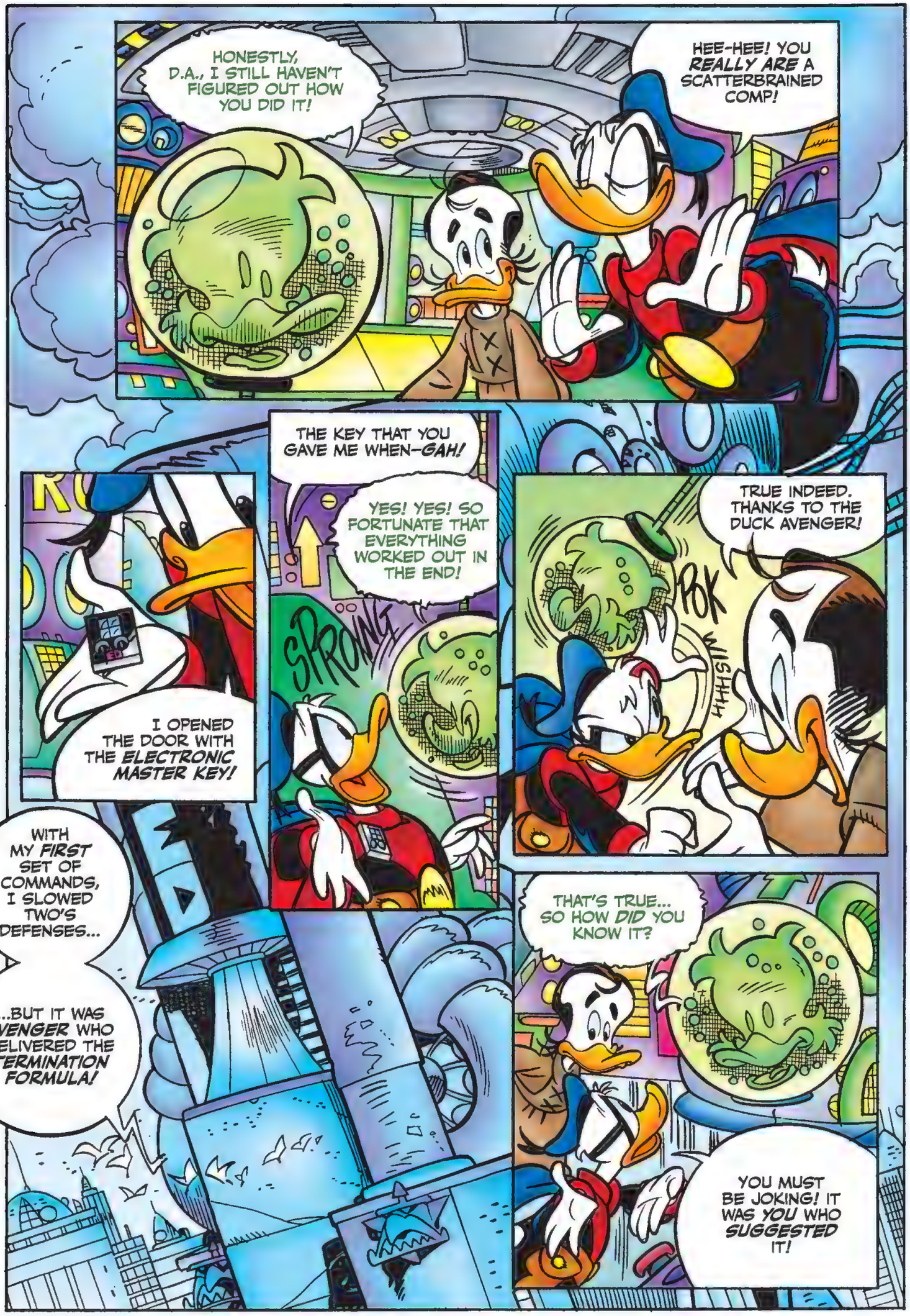

WHAT TH—WHERE IS HE?!
AT THAT MOMENT!
YOU'VE ALREADY LOST, TWO! I DON'T NEED A KEYBOARD TO DEACTIVATE YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?!
YOU'RE MINE... LITERALLY! YOU'RE PROGRAMMED TO OBEY MY VOICE COMMANDS!
BWAHAHA! GO ON, THEN! TRY TELLING ME TO CEASE MY EXISTENCE!
FRRRRRR
PLEASE! WE BOTH KNOW YOU'D FIGHT AGAINST OBEYING SUCH AN ORDER!
KR
FOW
SNAK
BUT YOU'LL NEVER RESIST THE ACTUAL PROGRAM DEACTIVATION COMMAND LINE!
NO...
SUB LOG SYN EX** VAT! EXEC!
WISHHHH

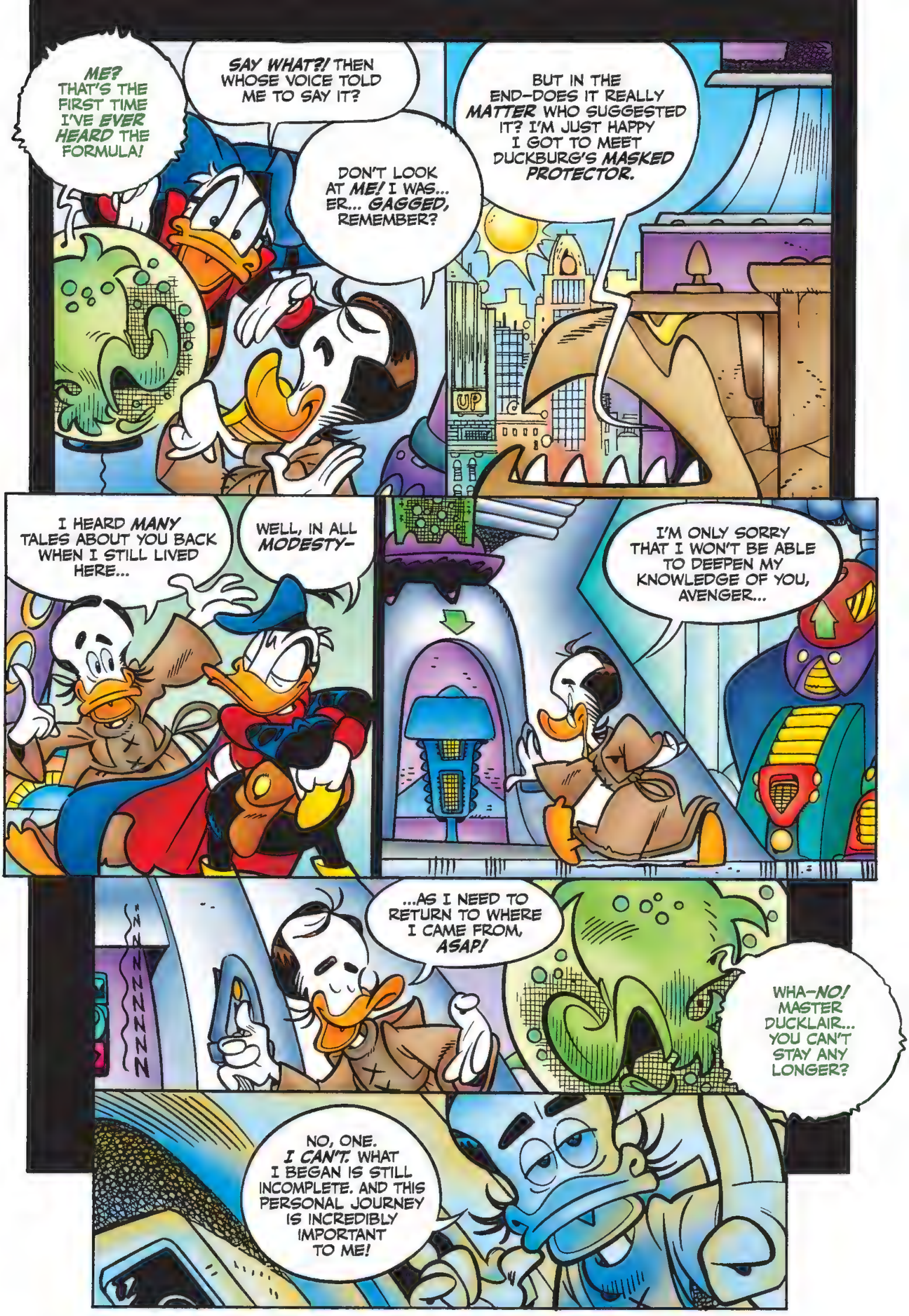

EHT CTR RESET @@@! EXEC!
ZZZKSSS
K-BOW
XX DIR\. E D KEY! EXEC!
SYMS
K-LAK
AND NOW TO FINISH YOU OFF! THE FINAL COMMAND... CII TWO–
KZZNT
MMF!
SPRING
MMMFH!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, LITTLE DADDY DUCKLAIR? FORGOTTEN THE FINAL LINES OF YOUR POISONOUS POEM?! BWAHAHAHA!!!


MY DEAREST CREATOR, THIS IS WHERE WE PART WAYS... FOREVER. AND NOW I'LL–
WISH
WISH
...HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME!
SORRY, TWO, BUT YOU CAN'T DEACTIVATE ME!
UNFORTUNATELY! SO INSTEAD I'LL HAVE TO DELETE YOU ONCE AND FOR ALL!
TLIK TLIK
IZZAT SO. WANNA BET ON IT, CHUCKLES?
CII TWO # RD EHMET/ERASE! RUN!
WHAT THE–? WHO SAID THAT?
CII TWO # RD EHMET/ERASE! RUN! SAY IT! SAY IT NOW! HURRY!
HEH. WHAT'VE I GOT TO LOSE?
LET'S DANCE!
CII TWO # RD EHMET/ERASE! RUN.
NOOOOOOOOOOOO

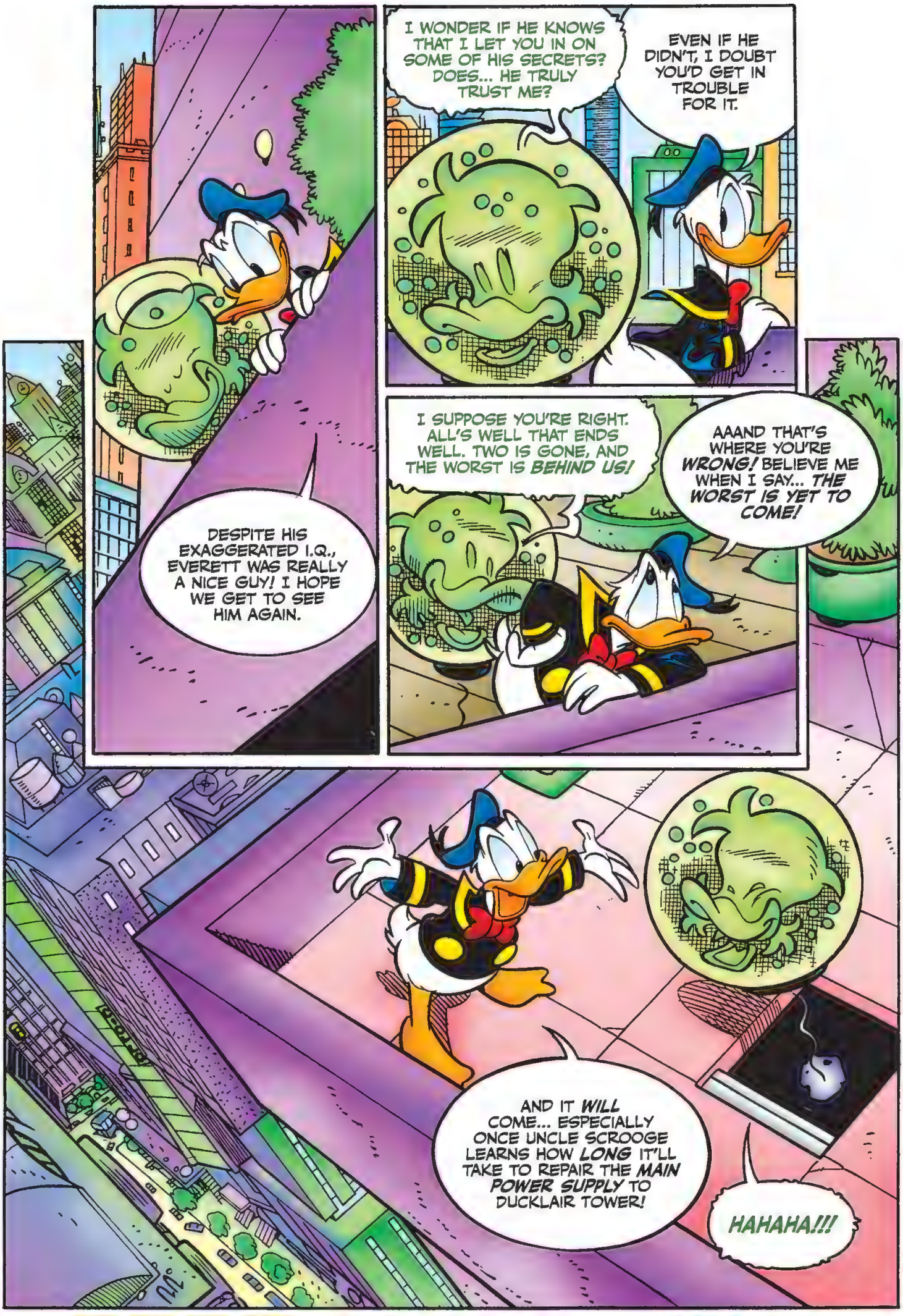

OH, NO! WHERE DID HE GO?!
YOU DELETED HIM, DUCK AVENGER!
ALLOW ME, MASTER.
THANK YOU, ONE.
ONE?! BUT I JUST–
HONESTLY, D.A.–YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE IT'D BE THAT EASY?
WHERE THE HECK HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING, AND WHY DIDN'T YOU HELP ME BEAT THE TAR OUTTA TWO?
BEEP!
EVERY SINGLE TIME IN THIS STUPID ADVENTURE– WITHOUT FAIL!– YOU'VE VANISHED ON ME WHEN I NEEDED YOU THE MOST!
CALM DOWN, BROTHER MASKED WARRIOR. I AM POSITIVE THAT ONE HAD HIS REASONS.
EXACTLY. I AM, AFTER ALL, A LOGICAL UNIT.


AND AS I RECALL, YOUR DISTRUST IN ME WAS SO GREAT THAT YOU TRIED TO SHUT ME DOWN BY FORCE! THAT'S WHY I PRETENDED TO STAY SHUT DOWN!
BRONG
OH...
I HAD NO DESIRE TO FIGHT YOU. I'D ALSO HOPED THAT MY DISAPPEARANCE WOULD CONVINCE OUR ADVERSARY TO REVEAL HIMSELF!
AND TO AVOID GIVING MYSELF AWAY, I ALSO IGNORED THE CALLS OF MY MASTER, EVERETT DUCKLAIR. SORRY, SIR.
THAT'S OKAY. AND YOUR RUSE WORKED ADMIRABLY, ONE.
WAIT! WHAT?! YOU'RE-
IN THE FEATHERS! WE HAVEN'T BEEN PROPERLY INTRODUCED.
HI! I'M THE DUCK AVENGER!
BY THE WAY, AVENGER... I DID TRY TO HELP YOU!
S12
WHEN I SAW THAT TWO WAS TOO BUSY BRAWLING WITH MASTER DUCKLAIR TO NOTICE ME...
S12
...I RUSHED TO TRY AND RESCUE YOU! BUT IT SEEMED THAT YOU'D ALREADY ESCAPED!
WHAT TH-WHERE IS HE?!


HONESTLY, D.A., I STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW YOU DID IT!
HEE-HEE! YOU *REALLY ARE* A SCATTERBRAINED COMP!
THE KEY THAT YOU GAVE ME WHEN–*GAH!*
YES! YES! SO FORTUNATE THAT EVERYTHING WORKED OUT IN THE END!
SRONG
I OPENED THE DOOR WITH THE *ELECTRONIC MASTER KEY!*
TRUE INDEED. THANKS TO THE DUCK AVENGER!
POK
WISHHH
WITH MY *FIRST* SET OF COMMANDS, I SLOWED TWO'S DEFENSES...
...BUT IT WAS *AVENGER* WHO DELIVERED THE *TERMINATION FORMULA!*
THAT'S TRUE... SO HOW *DID* YOU KNOW IT?
YOU MUST BE JOKING! IT WAS *YOU* WHO *SUGGESTED* IT!


ME? THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER HEARD THE FORMULA!
SAY WHAT?! THEN WHOSE VOICE TOLD ME TO SAY IT?
DON'T LOOK AT ME! I WAS... ER... GAGGED, REMEMBER?
BUT IN THE END–DOES IT REALLY MATTER WHO SUGGESTED IT? I'M JUST HAPPY I GOT TO MEET DUCKBURG'S MASKED PROTECTOR.
UP
I HEARD MANY TALES ABOUT YOU BACK WHEN I STILL LIVED HERE...
WELL, IN ALL MODESTY–
I'M ONLY SORRY THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO DEEPEN MY KNOWLEDGE OF YOU, AVENGER...
...AS I NEED TO RETURN TO WHERE I CAME FROM, ASAP!
NNNNNN
WHA–NO! MASTER DUCKLAIR... YOU CAN'T STAY ANY LONGER?
NO, ONE. I CAN'T. WHAT I BEGAN IS STILL INCOMPLETE. AND THIS PERSONAL JOURNEY IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TO ME!

UNFORTUNATELY, I FEAR THIS LITTLE JAUNT INTO *CONFLICT* HAS REBUFFED THE *INNER MATURITY* I'D HOPED TO FIND. I SUPPOSE IT WAS INEVITABLE.
I'LL RETURN SOMEDAY, ONE... BUT ONLY WHEN I'M TRULY AND HONESTLY *READY.*
Coco-Nono
...OR IN THE CASE THAT MY *WARNING ALARM* TELLS ME THAT SOMETHING HERE HAS GONE CATASTROPHICALLY *WRONG!*
WINK
BUT AT LEAST NOW I CAN LEAVE WITH FEWER WORRIES. ESPECIALLY SINCE I KNOW I HAVE *FRIENDS* BACK HERE WHO CAN KEEP ANY SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.
REALLY? I'M YOUR... *FRIEND?*
DON'T GET ALL *EMOTIONAL,* ONE. TAKE CARE, EVERETT!
AND SO...
WELL—THERE HE GOES. THINK HE'LL MARCH ON FOOT ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE HIMALAYAS?


I WONDER IF HE KNOWS THAT I LET YOU IN ON SOME OF HIS SECRETS? DOES... HE TRULY TRUST ME?
EVEN IF HE DIDN'T, I DOUBT YOU'D GET IN TROUBLE FOR IT.
DESPITE HIS EXAGGERATED I.Q., EVERETT WAS REALLY A NICE GUY! I HOPE WE GET TO SEE HIM AGAIN.
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT. ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL. TWO IS GONE, AND THE WORST IS BEHIND US!
AAAND THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG! BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY... THE WORST IS YET TO COME!
AND IT WILL COME... ESPECIALLY ONCE UNCLE SCROOGE LEARNS HOW LONG IT'LL TAKE TO REPAIR THE MAIN POWER SUPPLY TO DUCKLAIR TOWER!
HAHAHA!!!

THE END FOR NOW... NEXT: "DAY OF THE COLD SUN"

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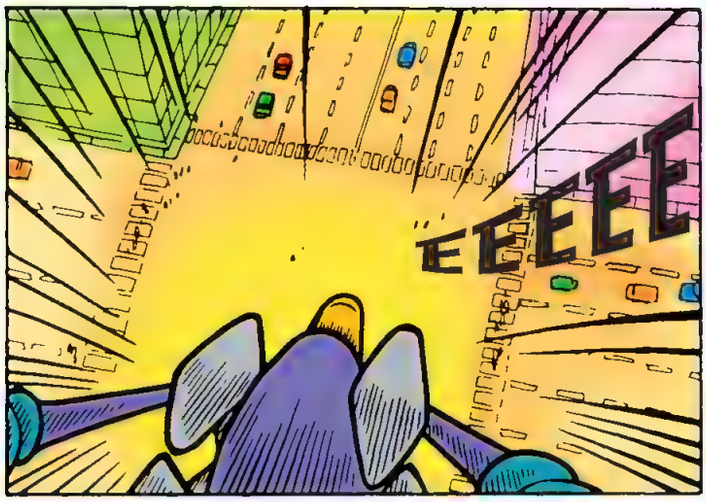

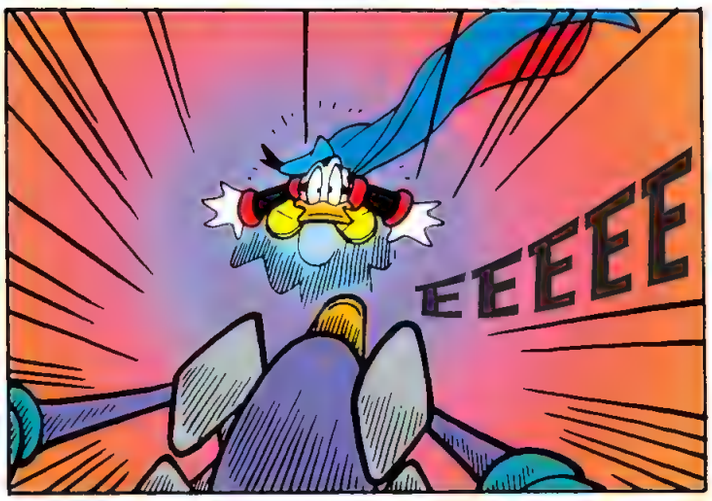

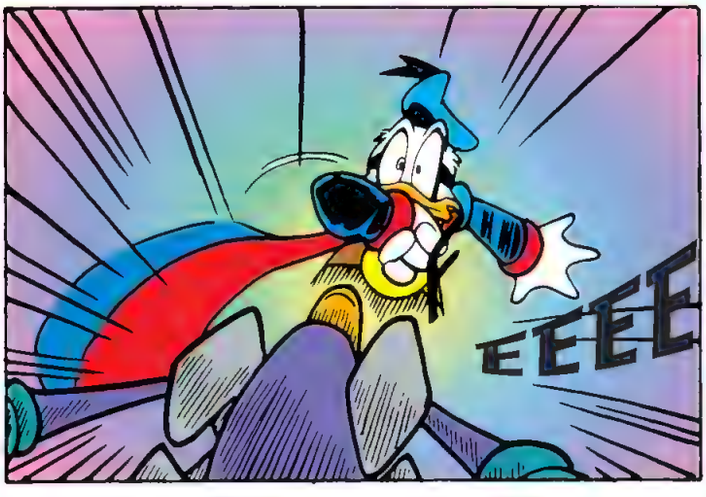

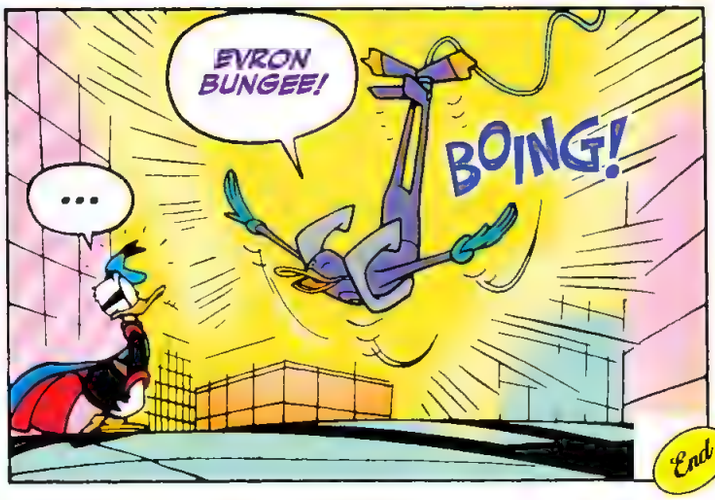

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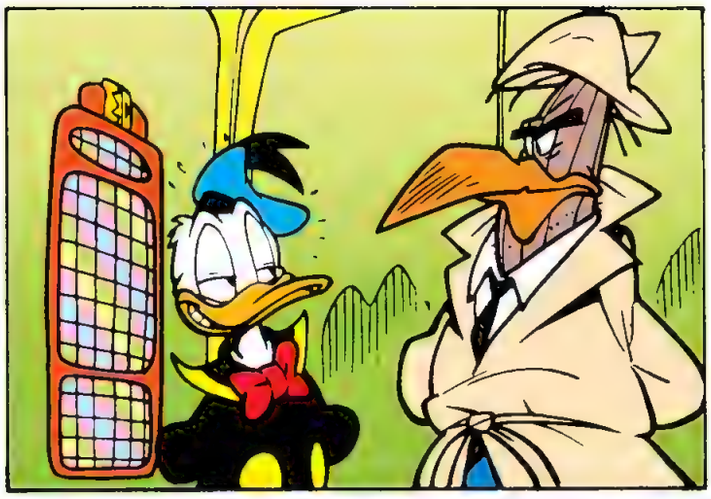

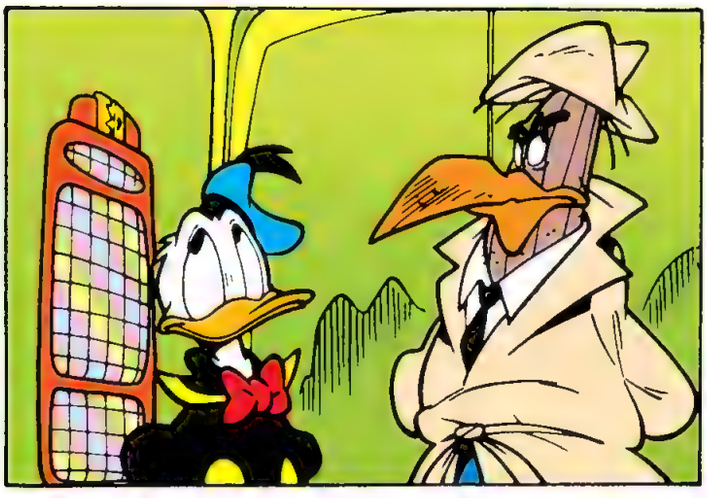

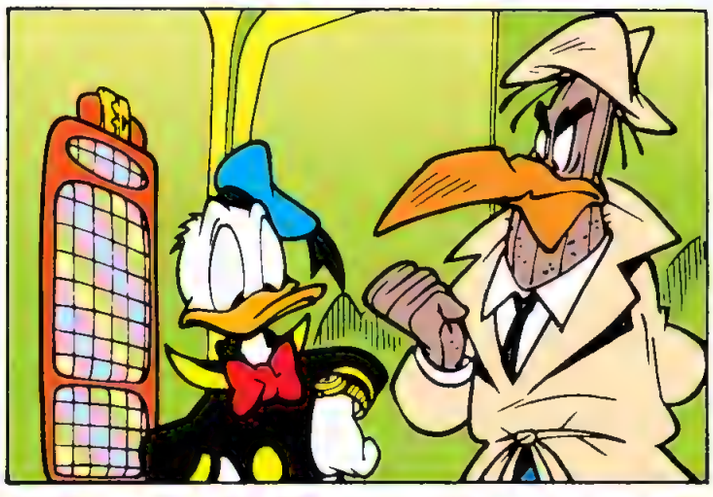

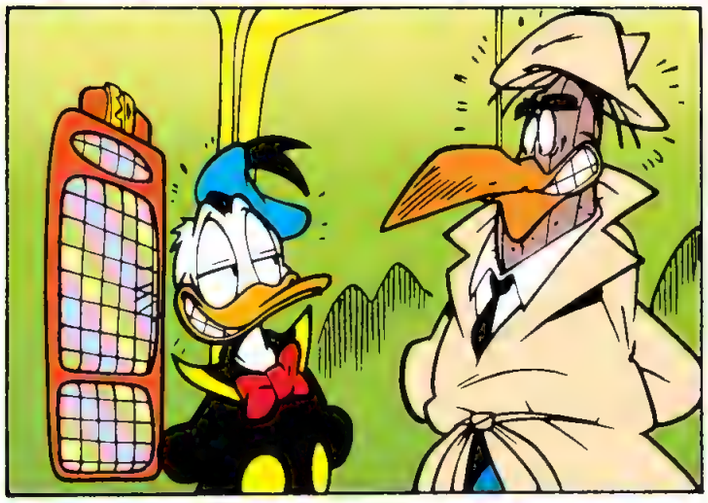

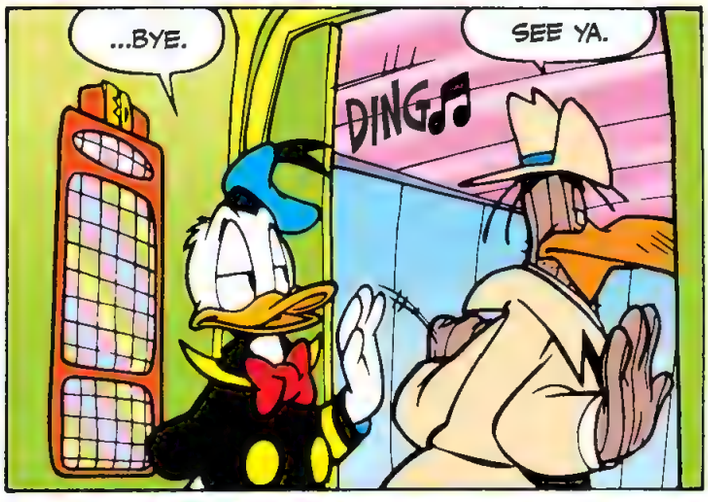

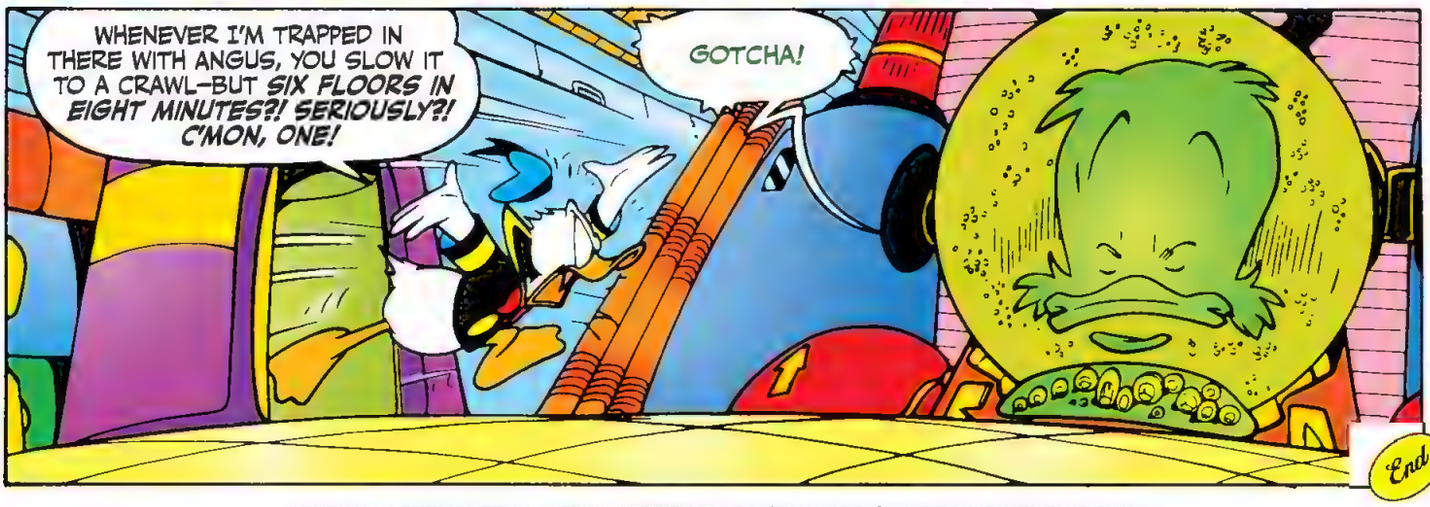

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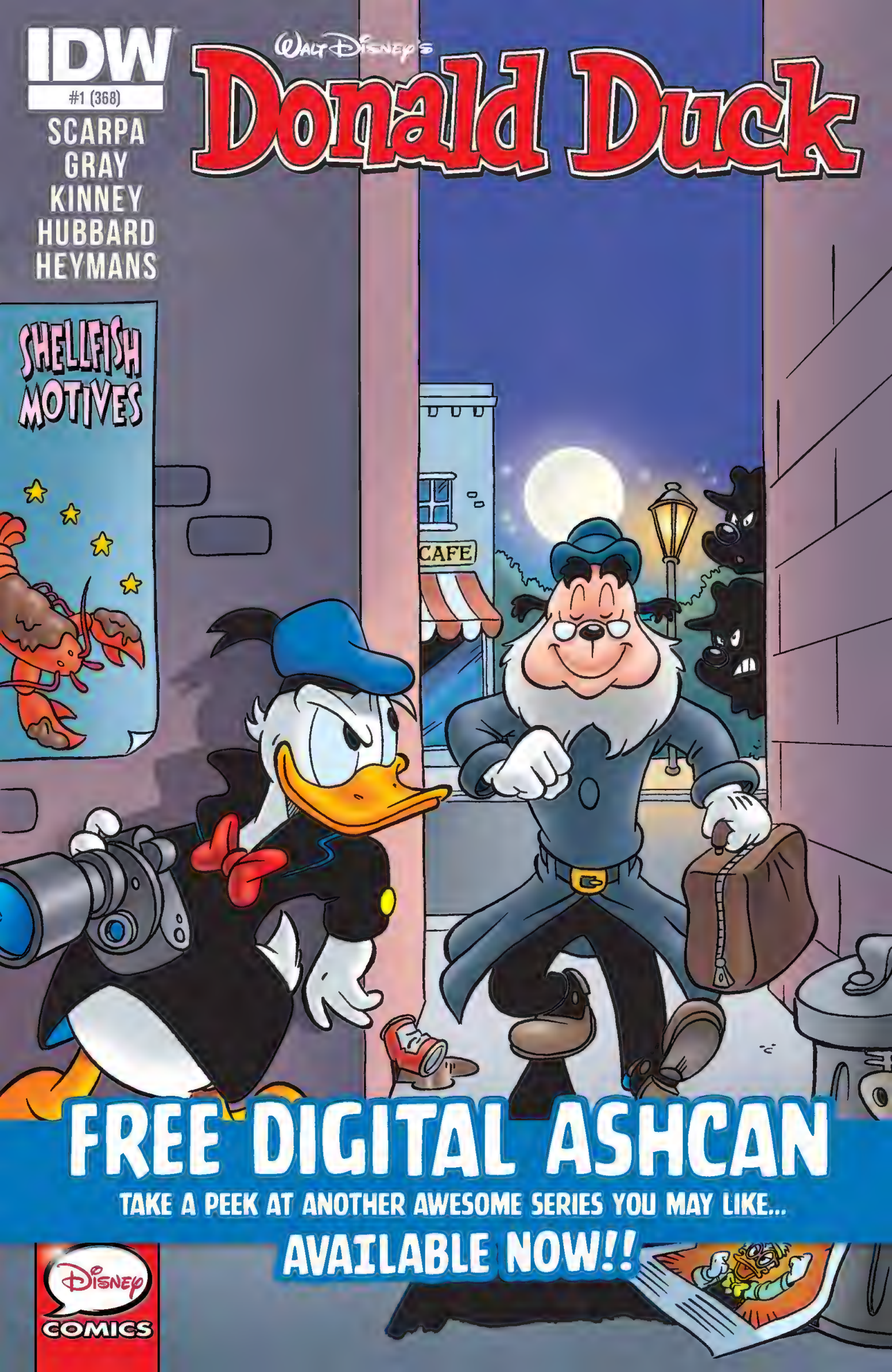
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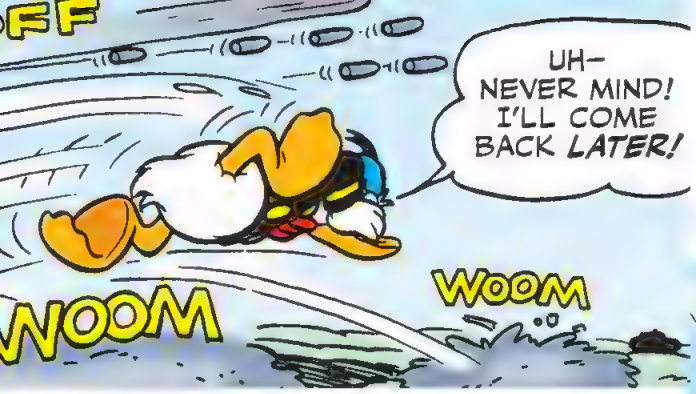

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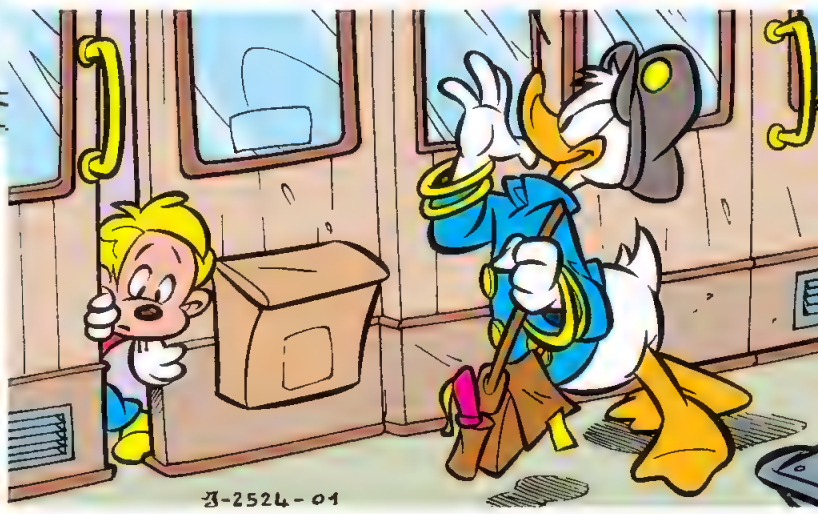

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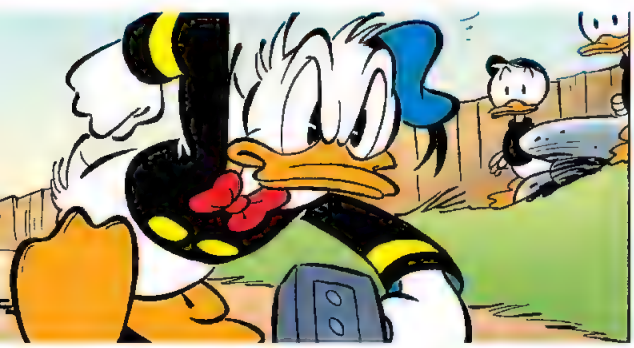

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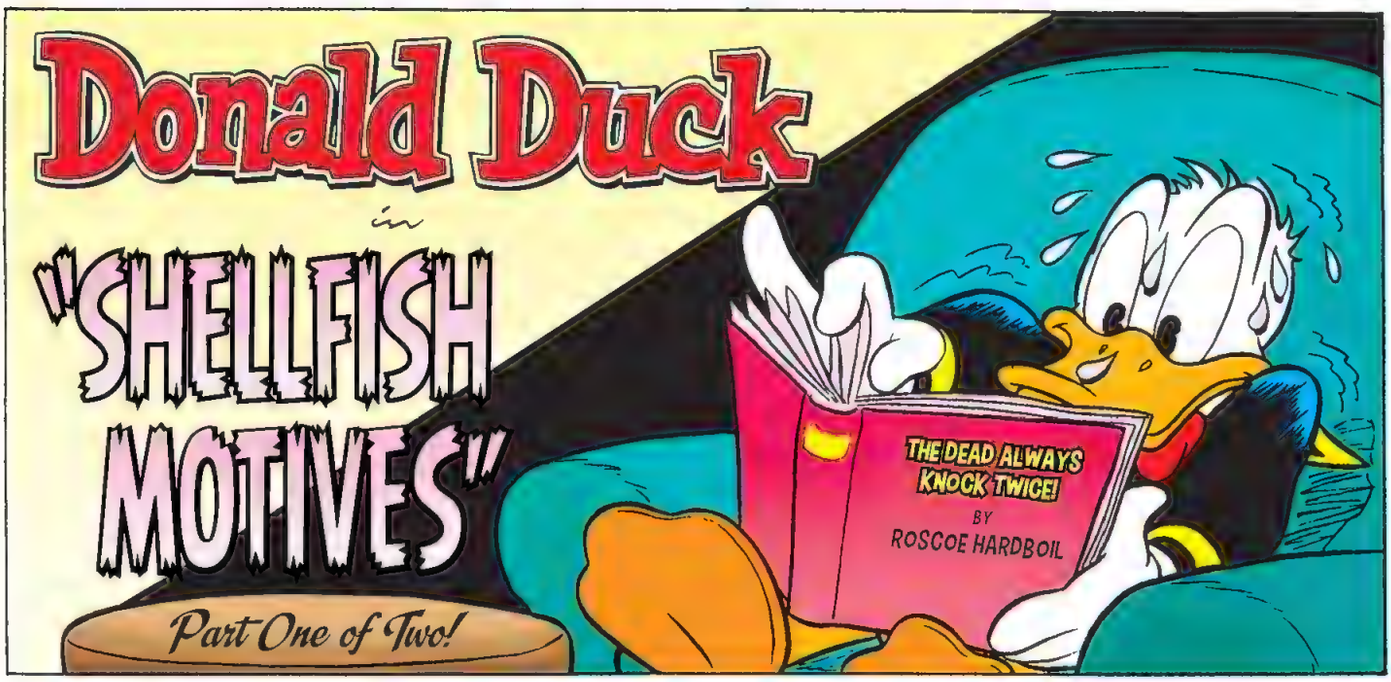
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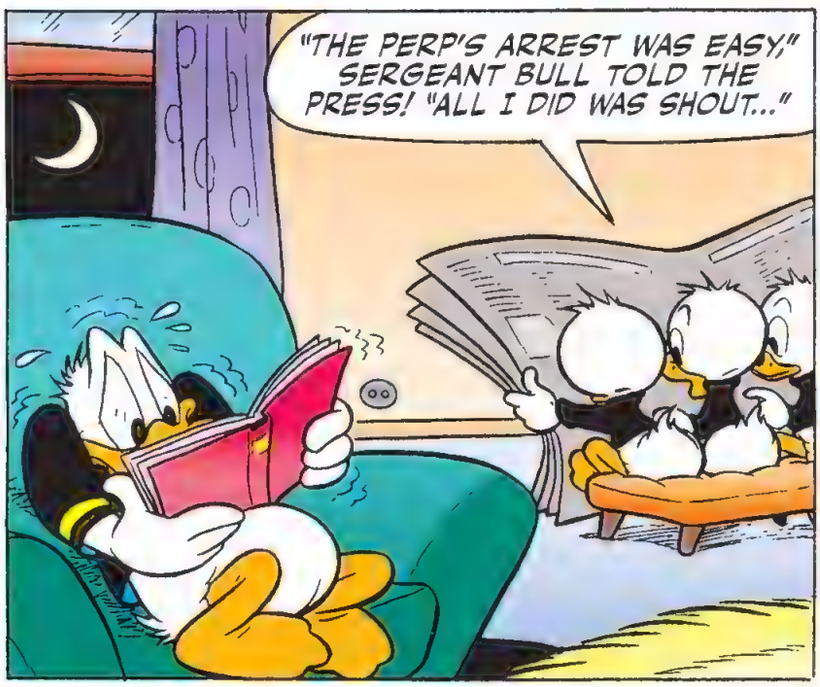
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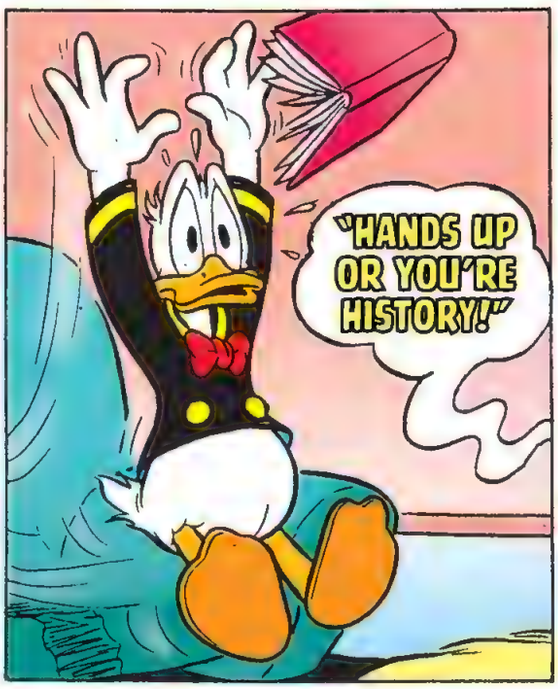
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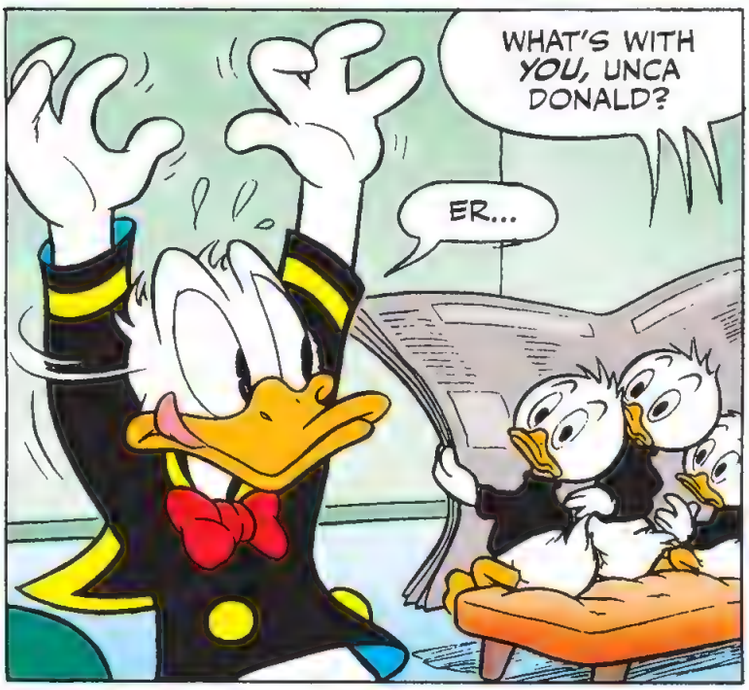
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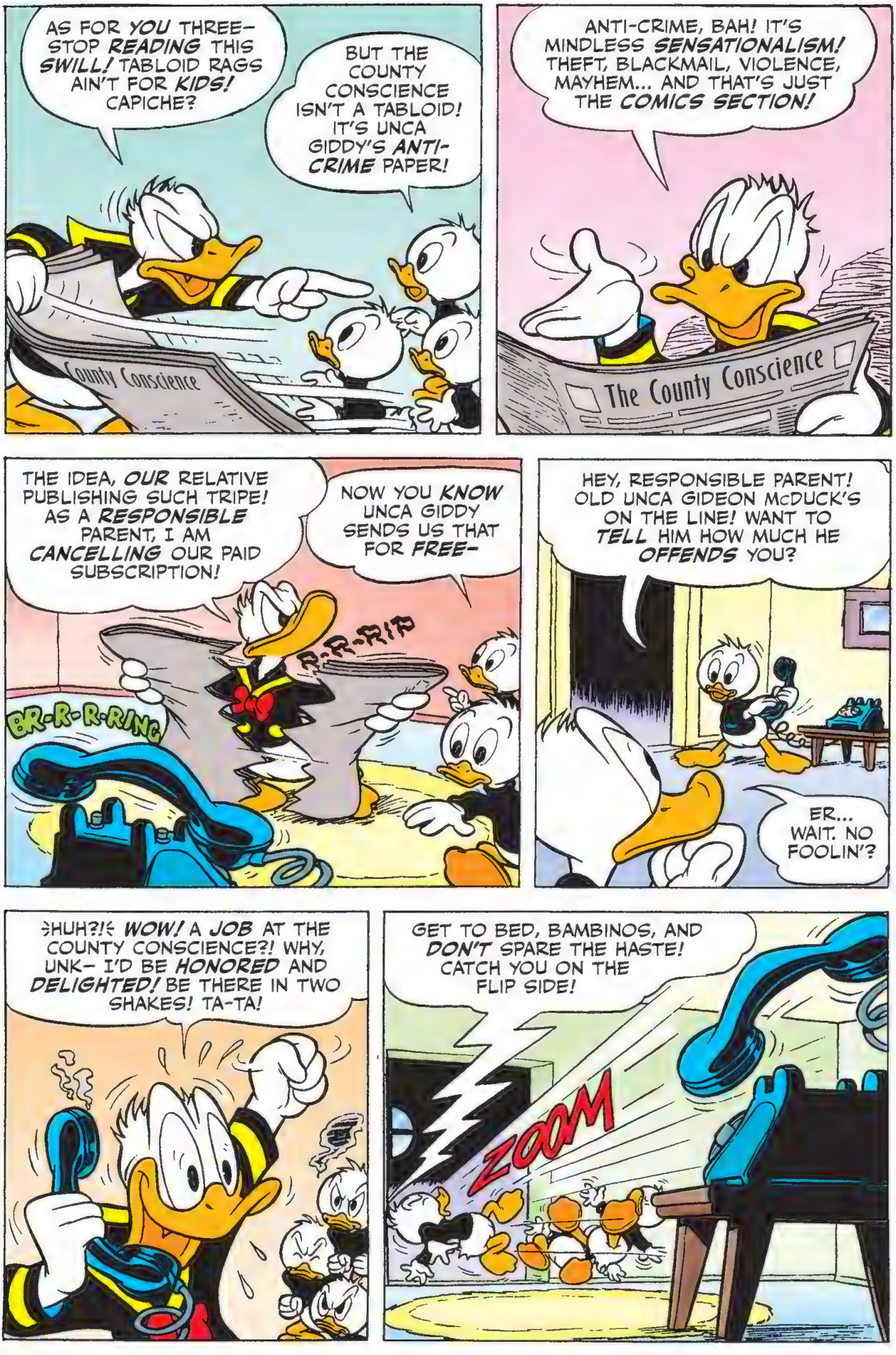
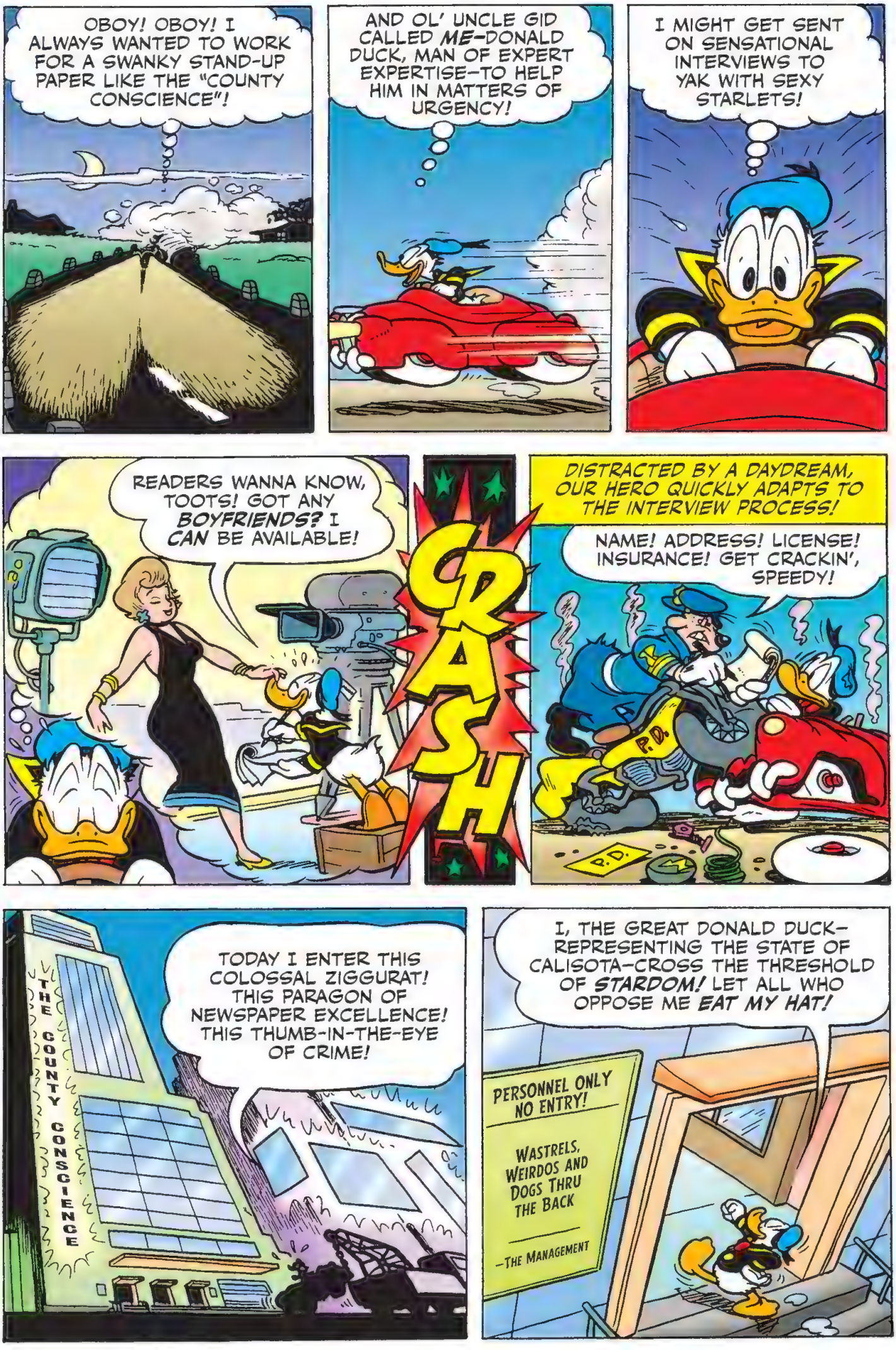
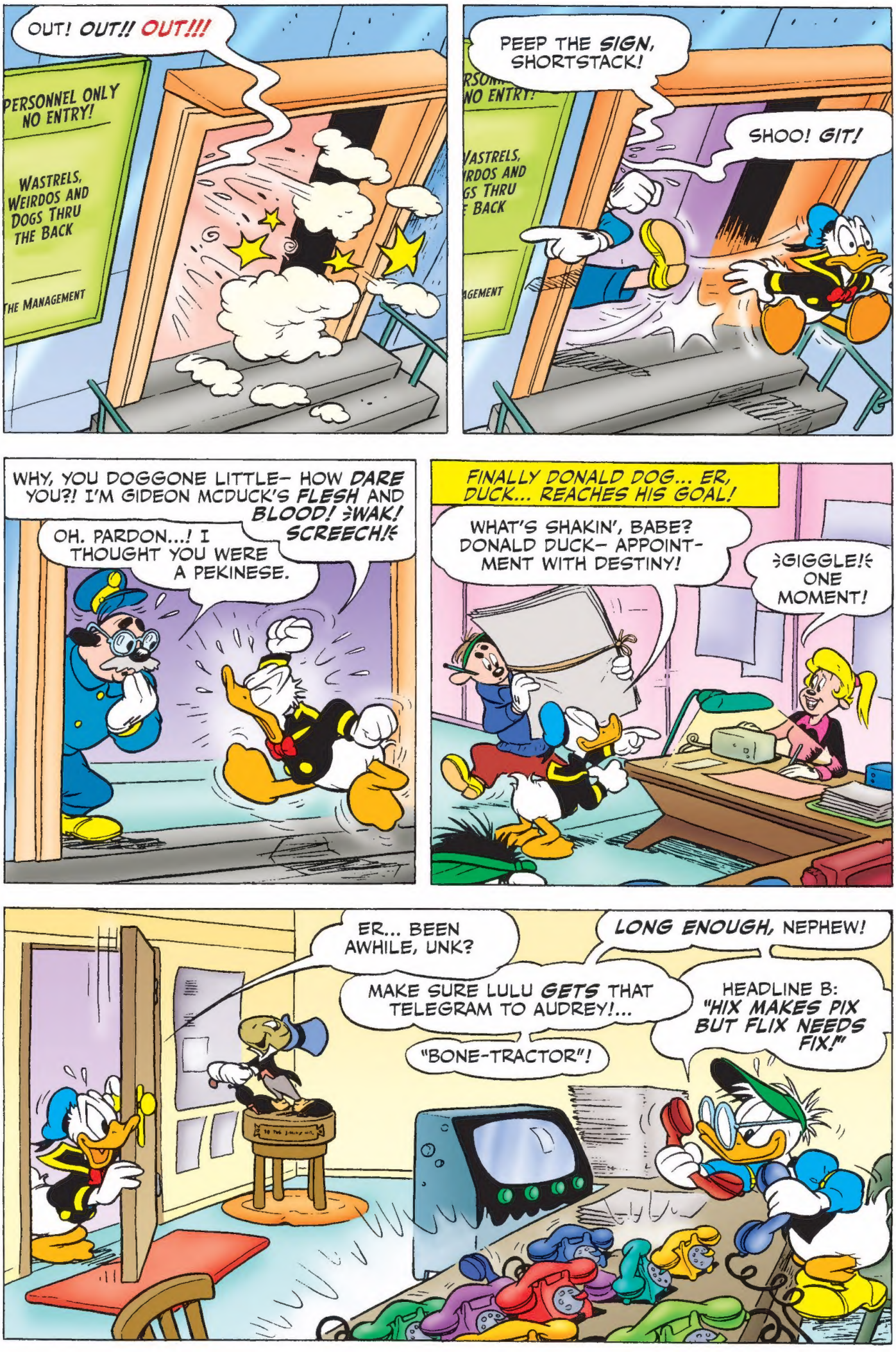
ER...

?
TEN-MINUTE CALISTHENICS! GOTTA KEEP MY BODY SWOLE! HUP-ONE! HUP-TWO!


AS FOR YOU THREE– STOP READING THIS SWILL! TABLOID RAGS AIN'T FOR KIDS! CAPICHE?
BUT THE COUNTY CONSCIENCE ISN'T A TABLOID! IT'S UNCA GIDDY'S ANTI-CRIME PAPER!
County Conscience
ANTI-CRIME, BAH! IT'S MINDLESS SENSATIONALISM! THEFT, BLACKMAIL, VIOLENCE, MAYHEM... AND THAT'S JUST THE COMICS SECTION!
The County Conscience
THE IDEA, OUR RELATIVE PUBLISHING SUCH TRIPE! AS A RESPONSIBLE PARENT, I AM CANCELLING OUR PAID SUBSCRIPTION!
NOW YOU KNOW UNCA GIDDY SENDS US THAT FOR FREE–
R-R-RIP
BR-R-R-RING
HEY, RESPONSIBLE PARENT! OLD UNCA GIDEON McDUCK'S ON THE LINE! WANT TO TELL HIM HOW MUCH HE OFFENDS YOU?
ER... WAIT. NO FOOLIN'?
≒HUH?!≒ WOW! A JOB AT THE COUNTY CONSCIENCE?! WHY, UNK– I'D BE HONORED AND DELIGHTED! BE THERE IN TWO SHAKES! TA-TA!
GET TO BED, BAMBINOS, AND DON'T SPARE THE HASTE! CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!
ZOOM


OBOY! OBOY! I ALWAYS WANTED TO WORK FOR A SWANKY STAND-UP PAPER LIKE THE "COUNTY CONSCIENCE"!
AND OL' UNCLE GID CALLED *ME*-DONALD DUCK, MAN OF EXPERT EXPERTISE-TO HELP HIM IN MATTERS OF URGENCY!
I MIGHT GET SENT ON SENSATIONAL INTERVIEWS TO YAK WITH SEXY STARLETS!
READERS WANNA KNOW, TOOTS! GOT ANY *BOYFRIENDS?* I *CAN* BE AVAILABLE!
CRASH
DISTRACTED BY A DAYDREAM, OUR HERO QUICKLY ADAPTS TO THE INTERVIEW PROCESS!
NAME! ADDRESS! LICENSE! INSURANCE! GET CRACKIN', SPEEDY!
P.D.
P.D.
THE COUNTY CONSCIENCE
TODAY I ENTER THIS COLOSSAL ZIGGURAT! THIS PARAGON OF NEWSPAPER EXCELLENCE! THIS THUMB-IN-THE-EYE OF CRIME!
I, THE GREAT DONALD DUCK-REPRESENTING THE STATE OF CALISOTA-CROSS THE THRESHOLD OF *STARDOM!* LET ALL WHO OPPOSE ME *EAT MY HAT!*
PERSONNEL ONLY NO ENTRY!
WASTRELS, WEIRDOS AND DOGS THRU THE BACK
-THE MANAGEMENT


OUT! OUT!! OUT!!!
PERSONNEL ONLY NO ENTRY!
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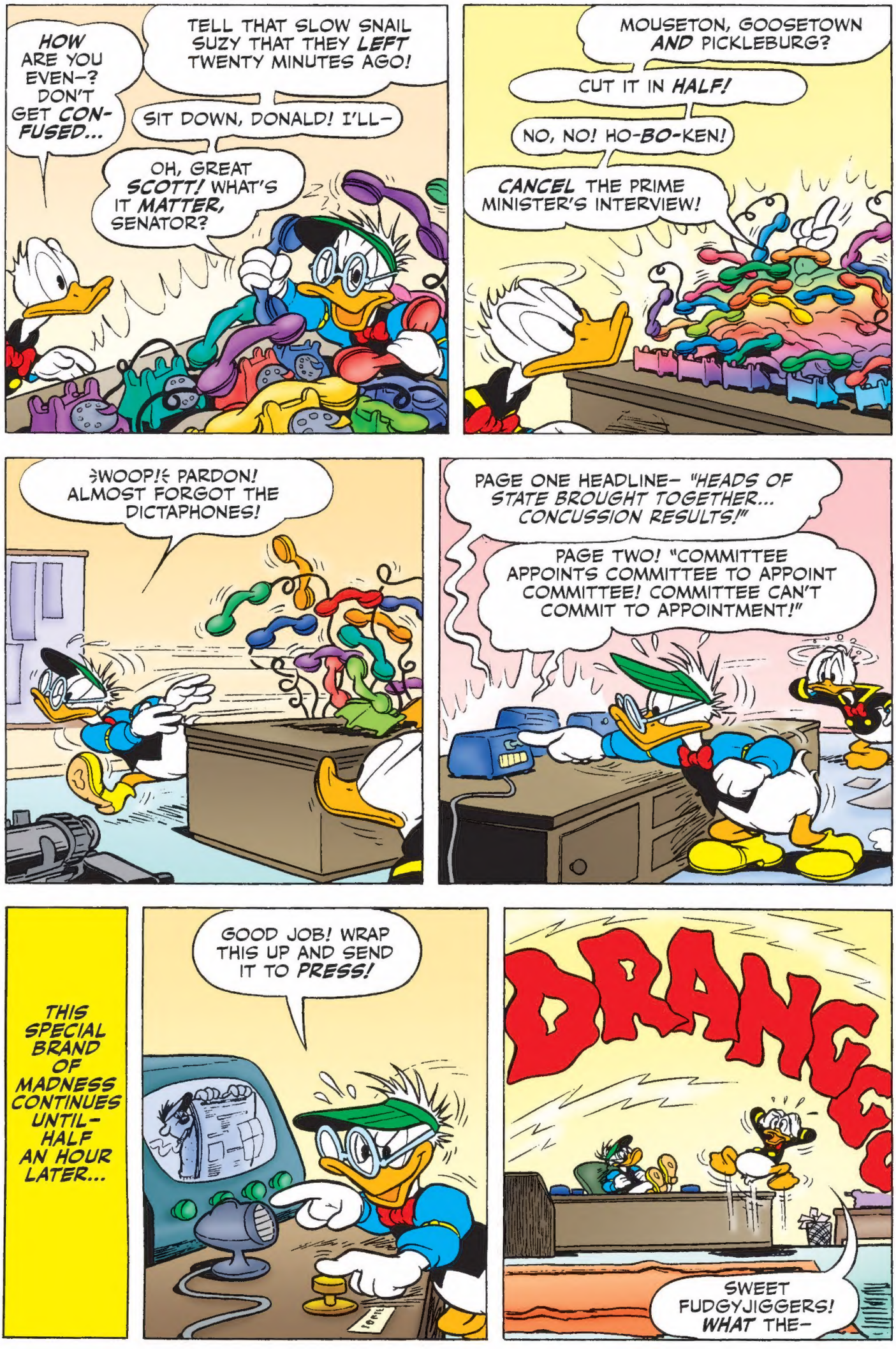
THE MANAGEMENT
PEEP THE SIGN, SHORTSTACK!
SHOO! GIT!
WHY, YOU DOGGONE LITTLE- HOW DARE YOU?! I'M GIDEON MCDUCK'S FLESH AND BLOOD! ≥WAK! SCREECH!≤
OH. PARDON...! I THOUGHT YOU WERE A PEKINESE.
FINALLY DONALD DOG... ER, DUCK... REACHES HIS GOAL!
WHAT'S SHAKIN', BABE? DONALD DUCK- APPOINTMENT WITH DESTINY!
≥GIGGLE!≤ ONE MOMENT!
ER... BEEN AWHILE, UNK?
LONG ENOUGH, NEPHEW!
MAKE SURE LULU GETS THAT TELEGRAM TO AUDREY!...
"BONE-TRACTOR"!
HEADLINE B: "HIX MAKES PIX BUT FLIX NEEDS FIX!"


HOW ARE YOU EVEN–? DON'T GET CON-FUSED...
TELL THAT SLOW SNAIL SUZY THAT THEY LEFT TWENTY MINUTES AGO!
SIT DOWN, DONALD! I'LL–
OH, GREAT SCOTT! WHAT'S IT MATTER, SENATOR?
MOUSETON, GOOSETOWN AND PICKLEBURG?
CUT IT IN HALF!
NO, NO! HO-BO-KEN!
CANCEL THE PRIME MINISTER'S INTERVIEW!
WOOP! PARDON! ALMOST FORGOT THE DICTAPHONES!
PAGE ONE HEADLINE– "HEADS OF STATE BROUGHT TOGETHER... CONCUSSION RESULTS!"
PAGE TWO! "COMMITTEE APPOINTS COMMITTEE TO APPOINT COMMITTEE! COMMITTEE CAN'T COMMIT TO APPOINTMENT!"
THIS SPECIAL BRAND OF MADNESS CONTINUES UNTIL– HALF AN HOUR LATER...
GOOD JOB! WRAP THIS UP AND SEND IT TO PRESS!
DRANG!
SWEET FUDGYJIGGERS! WHAT THE–

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